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ITALIANS FIGHTING HARD TO SAVE KEREN

Heavy Casualties At Liverpool And Clydeside

Five hundred were killed and 500 seriously injured by German air raids on Merseyside on the two nights of March 12 and 13.

Combined casualties in the Clyde area on March 13 and 14 were approximately 500 killed and 800 seriously injured, says a Reuter despatch from London this morning.

WAR CABINET'S ATTENTION TO INVASION PERIL

THE UNITY AND determination of the British people to stand firm and carry on and win the war, was the theme of a broadcast speech by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, last night.

Mr. Morrison was urging people to read and study carefully a leaflet just issued by his Ministry, informing them what to do in case of an invasion.

BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Two German bombers were intercepted and shot down into the sea off the coast of Britain yesterday.

TWO BRITISH FIGHTERS RETURNING WITH THEIR AMMUNITION EXHAUSTED WERE ATTACKED BY A NUMBER OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND SHOT DOWN. BOTH PILOTS ARE SAFE.

An Air Ministry communique adds there was a little air activity by small enemy forces round the coasts of Britain during the day and a few aircraft penetrated inland, but no bombs are reported to have been dropped.—Reuter.

LARGE GERMAN SHIP TORPEDOED

Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel on Monday night off the Frisian Islands. It was officially announced in London yesterday.—Reuter.

Invasion, Mr. Morrison said, was a vital subject, for though the blaze of war might leap from Europe to Africa or Asia, there could be no real Nazi victory unless it was won here—in and around this island.

"I am giving away no secrets," Mr. Morrison went on, "if I tell you that your Government and military chiefs have made plans for the defence of Britain on the basis of complete confidence that you will not let them down."

He emphasised the necessity of carrying on the country's work to the utmost capacity, and concluded with an exhortation to "stand firm. Carry on. Beat the invader."—Reuter.

WAR OF NERVES

The German Foreign Office spokesman is now refusing to answer questions about Germany's intentions towards Greece, writes the Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Ya."

SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE CORRESPONDENT ADDS, A BIG PRESS AND RADIO CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE IS GOING ON.

It is regarded in Berlin as a sign that the Greek situation is now in the hands of the military. Current reports in the German capital say that 300,000 British troops are in Greece.—Reuter.

Position Getting More Desperate

KEREN, WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF ITALIAN ERITREA AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE OF ITALIAN EAST AFRICA, NOW APPEARS TO BE IN AN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND ITALIAN SOURCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

Despatches from Khartoum, British communiques from Cairo and Nairobi and an Italian communique from Rome tell a story of heavy Italian losses in embittered counter-attacks against the beleaguering British and Imperial Army.

A British Army communique from Cairo yesterday also reported that pressure by Imperial and patriot forces in Abyssinia is being maintained successfully over

a wide area against the retreating Italians.

British troops, it added, are extending the area of occupation in British Somaliland. From the north, British and French troops are pushing across a wilderness of ridges towards the road leading from Keren.

Battle Of Keren

Several heights, held by the Italians, still separate them from the road, which is ideal for defence.

The British have to assail positions which the Italians have had a month to prepare, and they are faced with greatly superior numbers, estimated at 30,000.

The Battle of Keren, therefore, is expected to last several days.—Reuter.

CRUSHING ITALIAN DEFEAT

The crushing defeat sustained by the Italians when their seven-days' offensive on the Albanian front was hurled back, has forced them into inactivity, according to the Greek radio last night.

Only activity on Monday was by Greek patrols, said an official Greek statement broadcast from Athens.

The statement adds that the patrols were successful.

Reliable information, it adds, shows that the Italians are attempting to reorganise their distressed formations but it is not at all certain that such a reorganisation will permit the enemy to risk another offensive.—Reuter.

Attacks Repulsed

Repeated Italian local attacks were repulsed with considerable losses by the Greeks yesterday, states a Greek communique quoted by Athens radio.

A successful manoeuvre in the Aros region resulted in 165 prisoners being taken.—Reuter.

LAKHIMPUR AIR ATTACKS WARNING

The District Commission of Lakhimpur (India) yesterday warned the people of Digboi and Tinsukia to be ready for possible air attacks, says Reuter.

AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE FRANCE

American citizens in unoccupied France have been asked by the United States Embassy to leave, according to a Paris despatch to the official German news agency.

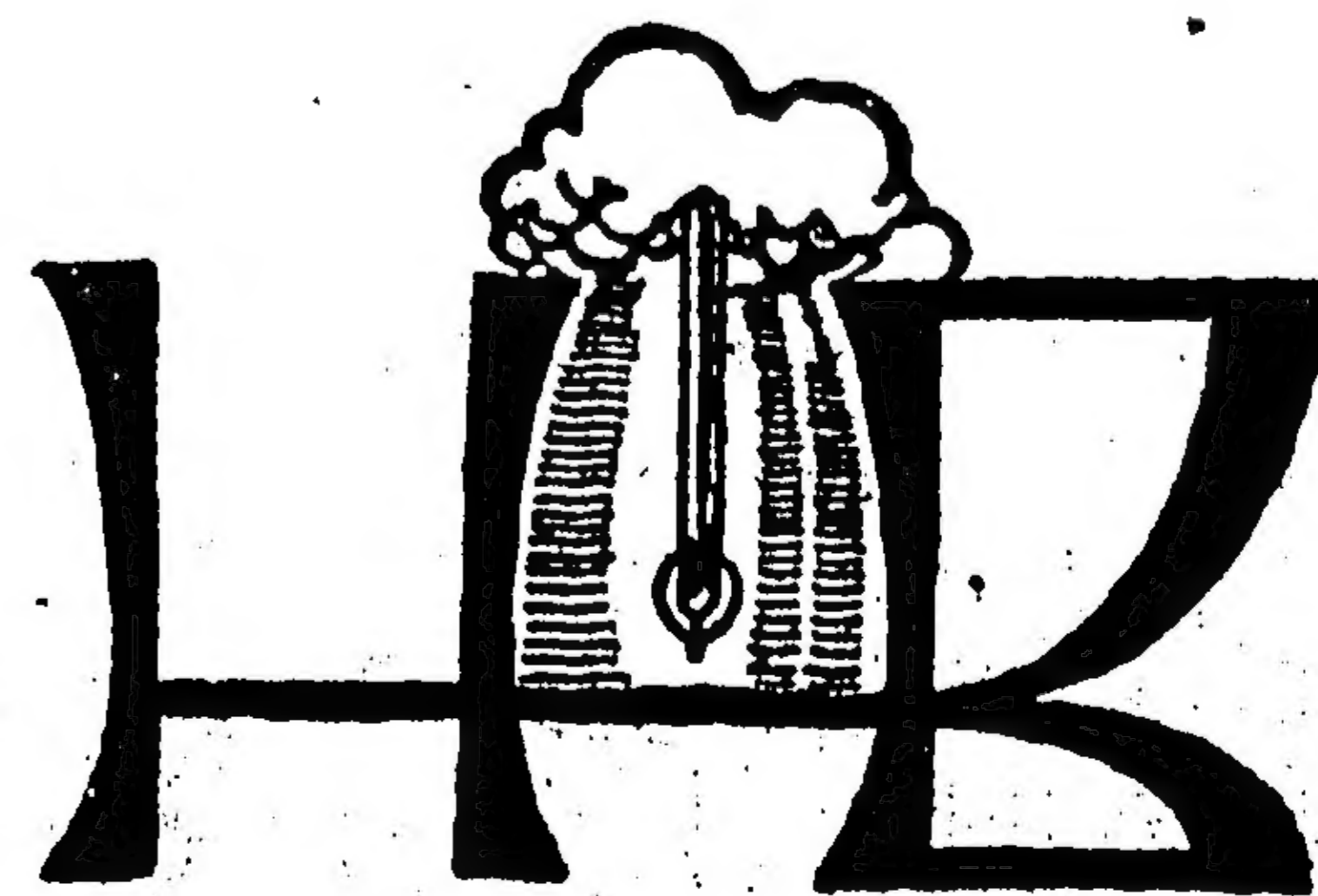
The agency adds their permits will not be renewed.—Reuter.

VIOLENT JAPANESE THREAT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] ANOTHER VIOLENT OUTBURST CAME OUT FROM THE TOKYO "NICHU NICHU" YESTERDAY IN AN ARTICLE COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

THE "NICHU NICHU" WARNED THE UNITED STATES THAT JAPAN WOULD BE FORCED TO FOLLOW HITLER'S COURSE AND SINK ANY SHIPS CROSSING THE PACIFIC CARRYING ARMS TO CHUNGKING.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Swift Approval Of Huge Money Vote For Aid Sought

IF HITLER AND GOERING WENT

A "Compromise" Fuehrer
Answering the question, "Who really runs Germany?" Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," who has just returned to the United States, says there is only one man in Germany and on the Continent who counts—Hitler.

Inside Germany he is not anybody's "front," adds the correspondent. He is not anybody's puppet. He is not anybody's confederate. He is not anybody's ally. He is master of the mainland of Europe to-day, and if Britain is beaten he will be master of all western civilisation.

Wallace Deuel continues: The men around Hitler are only technical experts, extremely able ones, some of them, for all their outlandish manners and appearances, but only technical experts for all that.

Among these men around Hitler there is only one who is strong enough and able enough in his own right to govern Germany for any considerable length of time in anything like present circumstances. Goering.

Any number of men could govern Germany stabilised on its pre-war basis or anything like that basis. The die was cast the day the war began and now Germany will either become a world power, as Hitler himself wrote 16 years ago, or it will be prostrate for at least a generation. This does not necessarily mean, however, that if Hitler and Goering should disappear Germany would break down within a matter of months. There is another possibility.

Hanging Together

Realising they would have to hang together or hang separately, the secondary leaders of the Party might be able to agree among themselves on a compromise Fuehrer, a man not strong enough or able enough to rule in his own right, but behind whom the warring leaders and factions could range themselves to maintain at least a semblance of outward unity.

If this should happen the compromise candidate would probably be Hess, who has the advantage of being Hitler's own designate as second in the line of succession. He shares with Ley control of the party machine.

He is liked and respected as few other leading Nazis could ever hope to be. He has fewer powerful and bitter enemies within the party than most Nazis of importance.

How long such a compromise solution would last is anybody's guess. It would probably last some time, barring military catastrophe, but would tend from the start to break up of its own inner conflicts and contradictions.

It is extremely difficult to see how any other man or group of men could take over Germany and run it in anything like present circumstances. Least of all can any effective political initiative be expected from the generals.

Loyalty To Regime

The officer corps probably would be able to step in and take over Germany if the Nazis should be destroyed by some other means, but it will not undertake any serious action to destroy the Nazis itself. In the first place, the loyalty of most of the generals to the regime is adequate, even if not wildly enthusiastic.

But even apart from that the generals are absolutely dominated

"OR REPUTATION OF U.S.A. WILL SUFFER"

THE UNITED STATES House of Representatives yesterday began the debate on the \$7,000,000,000 Aid to Britain appropriation, and was confronted with a tersely worded warning from the Appropriations Committee that this huge appropriation must quickly be approved or the reputation of the United States among nations would suffer.

The note coincided with Mr. Churchill's reference in London yesterday to submarines and to Nazi battle-cruisers operating on the United States side of the Atlantic.

The note requested the House to approve the Bill with a single change. This is that any article procured under the Bill shall be returned by the United States Government at the President's discretion, instead of being sent to a foreign government, if this is considered necessary for United States defence.

The accidental revaluation of two items in the proposed aid expenditure was made during the debate. During the course of the debate a Representative mentioned the purchase of \$50,000,000 worth of tobacco.

Money for this purpose will come from an allocation of 1.35 billion dollars earmarked for agricultural and other commodities.

Further Items

It is understood a list of further items exists but President Roosevelt does not wish to make it public.

As the information given above was revealed accidentally, it is not being suppressed but it will be struck off the House of Representatives' records.—Reuter.

ACTRESS WARNED NOT TO ARGUE

Mrs. Ada Prentice, the former film actress, who is conducting her own appeal in the Second Division of the Court of Session at Edinburgh, was told by the Lord Justice not to argue and waste the time of the court.

She is appealing against the decree of divorce granted to her fifth husband, Thomas Prentice, a chartered accountant, on the ground of her adultery with a Frenchman named Guy Cotte. It was the sixth day of the hearing which was further adjourned.

Dealing with evidence concerning the visit of a French private detective to an hotel where she was alleged to have been in a room with Mr. Cotte, Mrs. Prentice expressed her intention of going further into one of the points in the case, and used the words, "If you will open your minds to it."

The Lord Justice Clerk cautioned Mrs. Prentice against further observations of that kind, and Lord Wark said, "You must not assume that our minds are closed to anything."

by Hitler and the party, whether they believe in it or not.

Even in military matters the generals defer to Hitler and the party.

CONGRATULATIONS TO INDIAN TROOPS

The Indian Princes Chamber yesterday recorded the heartiest gratification over the victories in Albania and Africa and pride in the magnificent part of the Indian troops.

They assured of their determination to continue their best efforts for victory.—Reuter.

SECRET HEARING WAR FIGURES REVEALED

EVIDENCE GIVEN by the United States Defence Chief at last week's secret hearings before the National Defence Committee was released in Washington yesterday, as the House of Representatives began to debate on the British aid appropriations.

The statement of the Director-General of Defence, Mr. William Knudsen, showed that Britain financed 61 manufacturing plants out of 784 available or in preparation for the production of defence materials.

The statement of the Budget-Director gave a comprehensive view of Britain's war expenditure in the United States.

The total existing British orders, says Mr. Smith's statement, aggregate 2.7 billion dollars.

Payment of 1.68 billion dollars had been made.

All goods delivered to Britain have been paid for and usually a 25 per cent. deposit was paid in cash with the order.

The remaining liabilities will be met from Britain's existing dollar resources.

No Further Commitments

The statement says that the British Government has not adequate funds to meet additional commitments but none have been proposed.

The United States seven billion dollars British aid appropriation would be used to pay for orders placed by Britain before the passage of the Lend-Lease and Lend-Bill.

At the beginning of the current year British holdings included \$18 million dollars in marketable securities and nine

AMBUSH ON N.W. FRONTIER

One Indian officer and one Indian other rank were killed and one British officer and two Indian other ranks wounded when a staff car was ambushed on the Bannu-Mirali road, says Reuter from New Delhi.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

President Roosevelt revealed yesterday that he has asked the Public Health Service to prepare a list of foods, including vitamins, needed by Britain and the other Democracies.

Most of the food to be furnished, he said, would be sent to Britain, but the other Democracies were involved and also Spain.

The President added that the Red Cross was completing arrangements for two cargoes of food to be sent to unoccupied France.—Reuter.

OLD MEN AS FIRE GUARDS

If a fireman leaves his post for five minutes to refresh himself with a cup of coffee or a glass of beer, he can be sent to prison.

But if a big firm employs an old-age pensioner, who may hobble about on crutches, who may be mentally only half-alert, and who may be for other reasons not a very suitable person to guard a building from the German fire-bombs, no legal action can be taken against anyone.

Such is the extraordinary position of the law at the moment.

The inducement offered to men by a number of factory and commercial managements to take on jobs of firewatching is so lamentably small that the only persons likely to accept them are the halt, lame or the nearly blind.

Less than £2 a week for all-night duty is a wage that has been advertised in Manchester.

Compensation Urged

From a number of men who would be ready to act as fire-watchers in the nation's interest a reporter obtained views which challenge the Government to compel firms to provide not only reasonable wages but adequate compensation in the event of injury or death.

One of the most extraordinary flaws in the framework of the Fire-Watchers' Act as it is called, is that the owner of a warehouse which is under a certain size is not compelled to have a watcher, neither is a building which is not used normally by more than thirty persons.

But such a warehouse or building might be next door to a large factory or munition works, and a fire in such a place could be a menace to the important buildings before it was even noticed.

DONOVAN BACK FROM TOUR

COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE," ARRIVED IN NEW YORK BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTER A 26 000-MILE TOUR OF THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN WAR ZONES.

Col. Donovan said he obtained information which he was hopeful would be "of value to the United States in the preparation of her own defences."—Reuter.

Mr. Gandhi's secretary, recently released from goal is reported to have been arrested yesterday under the Defence of India Rules, says a Reuter message from New Delhi.

NOTICE

AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. H. E. PISSAREVSKY, THE OFFICE OF DODGE & SEYMOUR, LTD., WILL BE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON.

Nominal Value

The nominal value of United Kingdom investments in Canada was two billion dollars and in South America 3.5 billion dollars. The market value, said Mr. Smith, was much less than the nominal value.

Also, at the beginning of the current year, Britain held 292 million dollars and sold 54 million dollars of the official dollar balances, and 305 million dollars of private balances.

Britain had given capital assistance totalling 171 million dollars to United States defence plants in connection with orders for planes.

Empire Expenditure

The monthly war expenditure of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and the United Kingdom was 1.75 billion dollars, of which the United Kingdom accounted for 1.5 billions.

During the current fiscal year Canada was expected to spend 1.4 billion dollars in the direct war effort.—Reuter.

EUROPE'S UNITED STATES

Britain's Programme For A New Order

Different From Nazi Conceptions

ALF AHLBERG, writing in the "Dagens Nyheter" of Stockholm, examines Britain's plans for Europe after the war with the sub-heading "Europe's United States."

The writer declares that Britain also is fighting for a New Order in Europe and that although nothing has yet been definitely stated, it is clear that the British desire to see Europe united as a federation of States under a super-national organisation.

The historical pattern for this is the United States.

After the last war the European nations tried to form a union but without sacrificing the smallest part of their sovereignty. Furthermore the League of Nations had no armed forces of its own. The League was a group of loosely linked states. This system can no longer work because a sovereign State in a modern world is fiction.

Everything is interdependent and the only choice now is between chaos or organised union under super-national control. Those are the broad outlines of the Anglo-Saxon aims although details are still subject to discussion between H. G. Wells, Clarence Street, Harold Nicolson, and others.

No Small Matter

Kurt Anderson, writing in the "Social - Demokraten," examines the Lease and Lend Law, declaring that Roosevelt's Bill was no small matter. It was expected that the Bill would be badly mutilated before being approved but that was not the case and the majority was sensationally big.

Having signed the Bill, President Roosevelt hastened to take action under the new powers. American measures show that there can be no more talk of blitzkrieg.

Naval Aid

The Axis Powers for a long time belittled American help but recently the "Messaggero" has frankly admitted the importance of American help.

The German press has not openly expressed an opinion so far, but it is admitted in Berlin that American help may lengthen the war—clearly they expect it to reach England, otherwise the war would not be lengthened.

American naval circles are now discussing giving Britain greater naval help. The Axis Powers have a new enemy with vast economic and industrial resources. — Reuter.

HAPPY FANNY OF OLD DRURY KILLED IN RAID

One of those important theatre personalities of whom the public knows little was Marion Field, wardrobe mistress at Drury Lane Theatre. She was killed in a recent air raid.

Miss Field looked like a school-mistress, and could keep unruly chorus girls in order as if she really had been one. She was very popular, however, and answered to the affectionate nickname of "Happy Fanny" after the music-hall star, Happy Fanny Fields.

Her efficiency at her job was proverbial. Keeping in trim the galaxies of costumes used in the big Drury Lane shows called for organising ability of a high order. She was wardrobe mistress in succession to her mother, who, before she went to Drury Lane, was at Daly's in the days of its greatest magnificence under George Edwards.

WALK IN A BLITZ

Though one or two London raids have been more spectacular, a recent Saturday night's, while it lasted, was as unpleasant as any. This was mainly because high explosive were mingled liberally with the incendiaries.

In the Underground passages all was cheerfulness and laughter. Girls at a Y.M.C.A. canteen were serving soldiers; groups of young people were chatting gaily in the passages as if queuing up for the pictures.

In a public shelter equipped with bunks a mother was peacefully and unself-consciously feeding her baby—a touching reminder that, in spite of the worst the enemy can do, London's life still goes on.

I saw these sights during a half-hour's walk, sometimes through choking smoke and dust thrown up by high-explosives. A whistle and a heavy bomb fell in a side street on my right. Through the crack of the quick-firers and the dull cough of the distant big guns, sounded another ominous whine, and a few hundred yards ahead came a flash and a roar, followed by the spreading of a great black cloud.

A quarter of a mile further on two incendiaries started flaring, easily distinguishable because of their white and dancing radiance; and the streets were gritty underfoot. A high-explosive fell on the far side of a block of offices, and there was a rattle of pebbles, followed a second or two later by a shower of stones.

Two damaged buildings on the right, a mess of window-boards and crunching glass, blasted from a bank, and my walk was over. The City, I found, had been a target, but the damage was much less than might have been expected.

GERMANY HESITATES

Diplomatic action is proceeding with the object of reaching an understanding between Germany and Turkey, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Allehanda."

The correspondent adds it is generally believed that Germany is hesitating to take action against Greece pending greater certainty as to Turkey's attitude.

Authoritative circles in Berlin, he states, refuse to express an opinion as to whether President Meunier's reply to Hitler is considered satisfactory or otherwise. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI GIFT TO DISTRESS FUND

The sum of £1,000 from the Central British War Fund in Shanghai, among contributions received in London yesterday, makes the total of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund £2,286,000. — Reuter.

PILOTS OF EAGLE SQUADRON EAGER FOR ACTION

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent At An R.A.F. Fighter Station)

PILOTS, ANXIOUS TO debunk a quip that they are the glamour boys of the R.A.F. and whose sole desire is to make their squadron one of which Britain and America will be proud, form the personnel of the American Eagle Squadron which I visited yesterday.

No Nazi plane came their way while I was there. The enemy no longer takes up all their time over Britain and the squadron have yet to bring down their first victim as a squadron.

Recruits are coming in fast enough to form a second Eagle Squadron and are now completing operation training in England.

The squadron's tale of impatient longing to get at the enemy, is now the cry of many hundreds of veteran British and Allied fighter pilots, whose ranks these young Americans have joined.

The Hurricanes with which they are equipped will help the

American Eagles to play their part in operations which will no longer be confined to metropolitan defence, for the enemy must now be sought more often far out to sea and quite often beyond the Continental coastline.

The squadron will operate in exactly the same way as other fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. And great things are expected from this very shy but determined band of America's first war pilots. — Reuter.

RECORD BRITISH AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

More aircraft, both bombers and fighters, were produced in Britain during the short month of February than in any previous month during the war.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production. — Reuter.

PENURY AFTER £2,500 A YEAR

A non-practising barrister who said that at one time he had an income of £2,500 a year, but was left penniless when his father died suddenly, was sentenced to two months imprisonment at Sevenoaks for theft.

The barrister, Robert Noel-Hill, 43, pleaded guilty to stealing a silver brandy flask, a bottle of brandy and a gold wristlet watch from Mrs. Una Eameson, with whom he was billeted at Oak

R.A.F. AGAIN RAIDS BREMEN

Numerous explosions and fires were observed in dock and industrial areas at Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Monday night.

THE AIR MINISTRY ALSO STATES THAT A LARGE FIRE WAS STARTED IN PETROL STORAGE TANKS AT ROTTERDAM, AND A SINGLE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED EMDEN-OLDENBURG.

One enemy night fighter was shot down in flames during these operations.

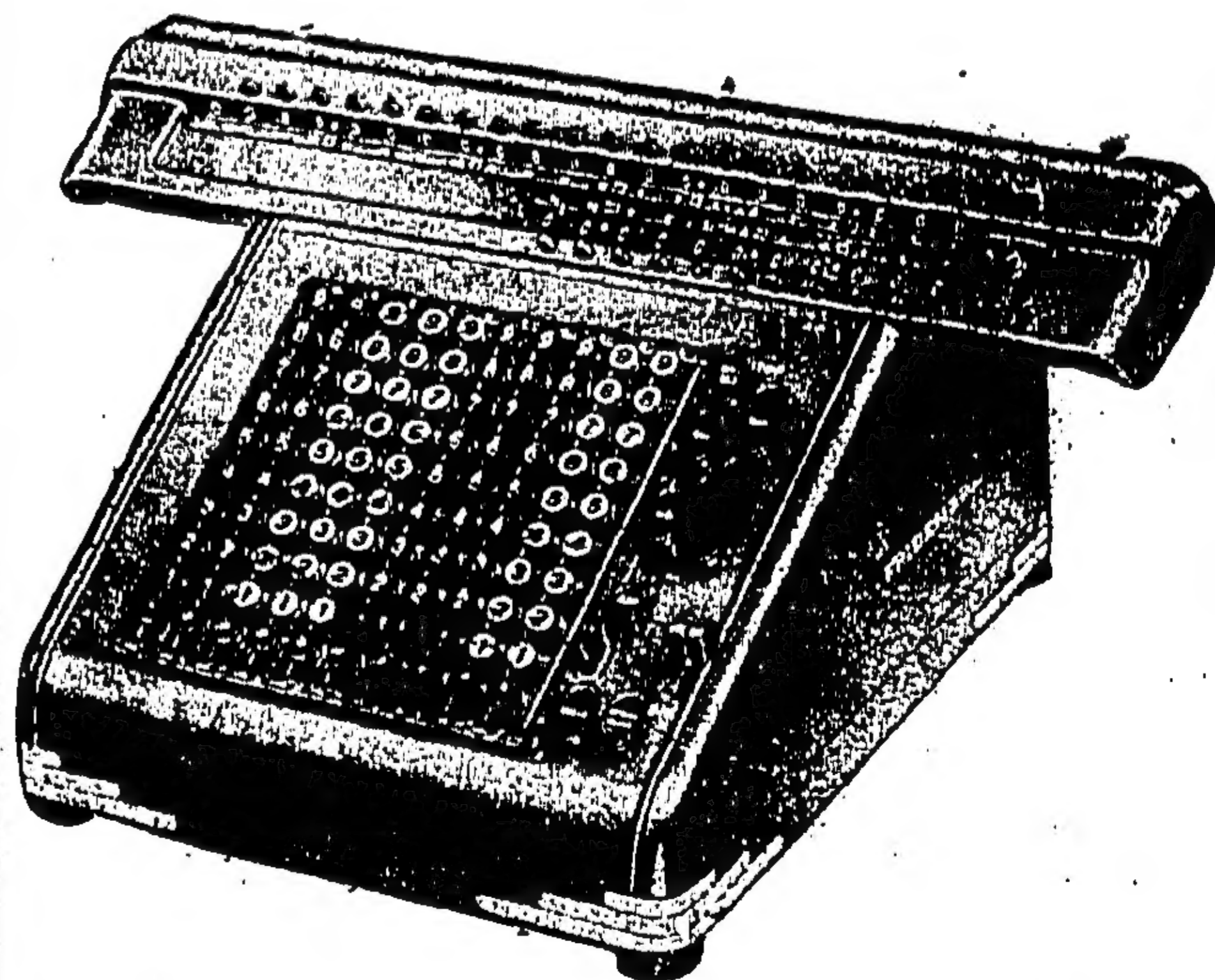
No British aircraft is missing from all these operations. — Reuter.

Hill Road, Sevenoaks. He asked for another offence, obtaining £8 by a trick from Mr. S. B. Coleman, of Ranelagh Road, S. W., to be taken into consideration.

Noel-Hill said that up to the age of 40 he had nearly everything money could buy, but his father had made no provision for him when he died, leaving £600,000. He said everything he had, and when the proceeds were exhausted joined the ambulance service at £3 11s a week. He gave notice of appeal.

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THAILAND ENTHUSES OVER PEACE TERMS

OFFICIAL COMMENTS in Bangkok unanimously hail the peace terms with Indo-China as a success for Thailand and emphasise Thailand's gratitude to Japan, though a section of the press hints that Thailand expected something better.

The Premier, Luang Pibula Songgram, appealing to the public to celebrate the "successful conclusion" of the Tokyo conference, says Japan untiringly executed her task with efficiency, thoroughness and a strict maintenance of justice for the sake of peace in this part of the world.

ANXIETY LED TO DEATH CLIMB

Anxiety over a book which he was about to publish, it was suggested at a Cambridge inquest, led to a Cambridge University lecturer climbing an electricity pylon to electrocute himself. The pylon carried 33,000 volts.

He was Jeffrey Garrett Sikes, 38, the Guest House, West Road, Cambridge. He was found at the base of the pylon with burns, and also with fractures that suggested a fall from a considerable height.

Bernard Lord Manning, senior tutor at Jesus College, said that Sikes, an exceptionally conscientious scholar, had been very upset over an important historical work he was about to publish.

In recording a verdict that Sikes killed himself by electrocution while the balance of his mind was disturbed, the Coroner, Mr. W. R. Wallis, said that he did not know how Sikes managed to get up the pylon.

He added: "When someone does us a good deed we for ever appreciate and cherish it in our memory."

A Thailand Foreign Ministry communique declares that Japanese mediation brought Thailand a square deal.

The "Bangkok Chronicle," Thai-owned daily in English, says that though it may be felt the territorial gains are slightly below expectations, this is an occasion for national rejoicing. The vernacular "Prajmit" says France ceded only a small portion of the territory lost to her by Thailand but Thailand is thankful to Japan for her mediation.

Prestige Restored

The "Supab Bureus" says Thailand's prestige has been restored in the eyes of European nations.

The "Thai Mail" says the treaty is satisfactory. Japan is the most powerful nation in the East and she can protect all other Eastern nations against aggression. "She is always our best friend."

Meanwhile the Premier visited the Japanese Minister, Mr. Futima, yesterday afternoon and thanked Japan.

This was the first time the Premier had called at the Japanese Legation since assuming office over two years ago. — Reuter.

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NEW INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS

The Government of India spokesman yesterday announced that Indian trade commissioners are shortly being appointed to Canada and South America.

Sir F. E. James suggested in the Assembly that the appointment of representatives in Burma and Malaya would not be overlooked. — Reuter.

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MAKING POLAND GERMAN

People Degraded To A Lower Class

The following message has been sent to his paper in Helsinki, Finland, by Bertil Svthnstrom, Berlin Correspondent of the "Hufvutstadsbladet."

Poznan, in Poland, is to-day a town with an exterior German facade on a Polish body. Gauleiter Greiser is endeavouring with an iron fist to change Poznan into a German town "for ever."

No compromise whatever will be allowed. The chief city of the Warthegau is to become the centre of Germany's colonisation in Poland.

In August, 1939, just before the outbreak of war, Poznan had only 10,000 German inhabitants out of a population of 300,000. Foreigners could use the English or French languages.

In Poznan to-day French is spoken only by French prisoners of war employed in clearing the streets of snow.

Ruling Factor

Asked why war prisoners were sent to Poland when there was no shortage of labour locally, a German official spokesman replied: "In every town and village of the Warthegau we keep a large number of French and British war prisoners because we want to show the Poles what their saviours really look like."

The number of Germans has risen in Poznan to 60,000. To-day they are the decisive and ruling factor.

Poles have been degraded to a lower class. Representatives of the Polish intellectual classes have disappeared to the last man.

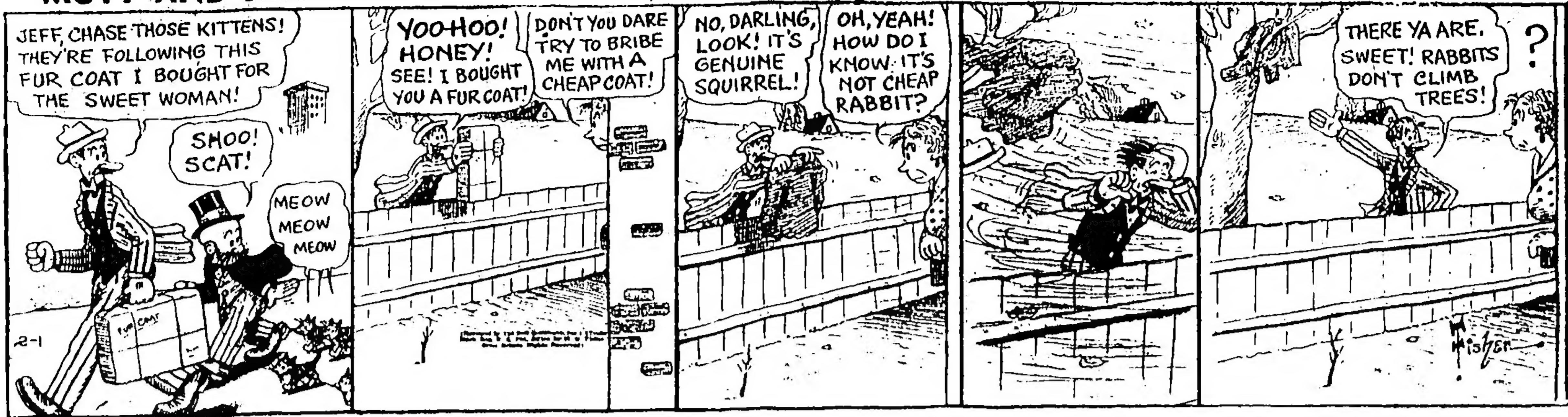
Leading officials are German, but the minor officials are all Poles. Bus conductors are Poles. In shops and offices the managing personnel is German, the assistant personnel Polish.

The Nazi authorities will not allow German blood to mix with Polish blood. By depriving the Poles of Polish schools and books, they intend to force on the Polish working classes the German language.

The wages of the working classes are without a fixed standard.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



DETECTIVES FOR AIR MINISTRY

A SPECIAL DETECTIVE FORCE IS BEING ESTABLISHED AT THE AIR MINISTRY TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRIES AFFECTING THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has released from the force a number of senior detectives to form the framework of the new department. They are all men with specialised knowledge in various forms of criminal investigation.

The activities of the department will cover the whole of England. It is to be modelled on similar lines to that of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard.

An ex-chief constable, two chief inspectors, and a number of detective inspectors have already joined the department. They have been appointed flight lieutenants in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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Edward Colin Ryder Richardson, stated the notice -- passenger, steamship City of Benares.

The same page recorded the award of the Medal of the O.B.E. to Miss Mary Alice Clara Cornish, children's escort of the same ship, when she was torpedoed in an Atlantic hurricane last September.

When "London Gazette" was silent about the story of Edward's heroism the ship's carpenter was eloquent.

"His spirit never went down," the carpenter said at the time. "His cheery little voice could

always be heard above the moaning of passengers.

Her Great Endurance

"When a nurse in a lifeboat cried that she was dying Edward held her head in his lap and told her that rescue ships were coming.

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And the rescue ships came.

Edward is the son of a London barrister, Mr. E. Ryder Richardson, and had been a pupil at Coptthorne School, Sussex.

Miss Cornish, forty-one, music teacher took charge of a boatload of children which tossed for eight days on the stormy waters.

"While the party was at sea," stated "London Gazette," "Miss Cornish devoted herself to the task of saving her young charges, massaging the children to preserve circulation, encouraging them in simple exercises, inventing cheerful games and arranging a daily health routine.

"She showed great endurance with an entire disregard for self."

Defied Bombs

Company Sergeant-Major James McDonald, of the Green Howards, has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallant conduct in action with the enemy.

When the enemy dive-bombed Dover harbour on July 29 a sand-bag emplacement received a direct hit. Two men were buried.

Through blinding and acrid fumes and with bombs still falling, McDonald led a rescue party and himself dug out the two men.

FIRE WATCHER ON ARSON CHARGE

A fire watcher at B.B.C. offices in Bristol, who was alleged to have scattered paraffin about the premises and set fire to them, was at Bristol committed for trial charged with arson.

He was George Edward Young, aged 20, Haig Close, Westbury-lane, Bristol, and he was stated to have told the police that he was "fed up." Damage estimated at more than £1,500 was done to an office where music manuscripts were stored.

Young asked a police officer during evidence whether it appeared that there had been any attempt to put out the fire. The officer agreed that there were some empty buckets about. Young was allowed bail.

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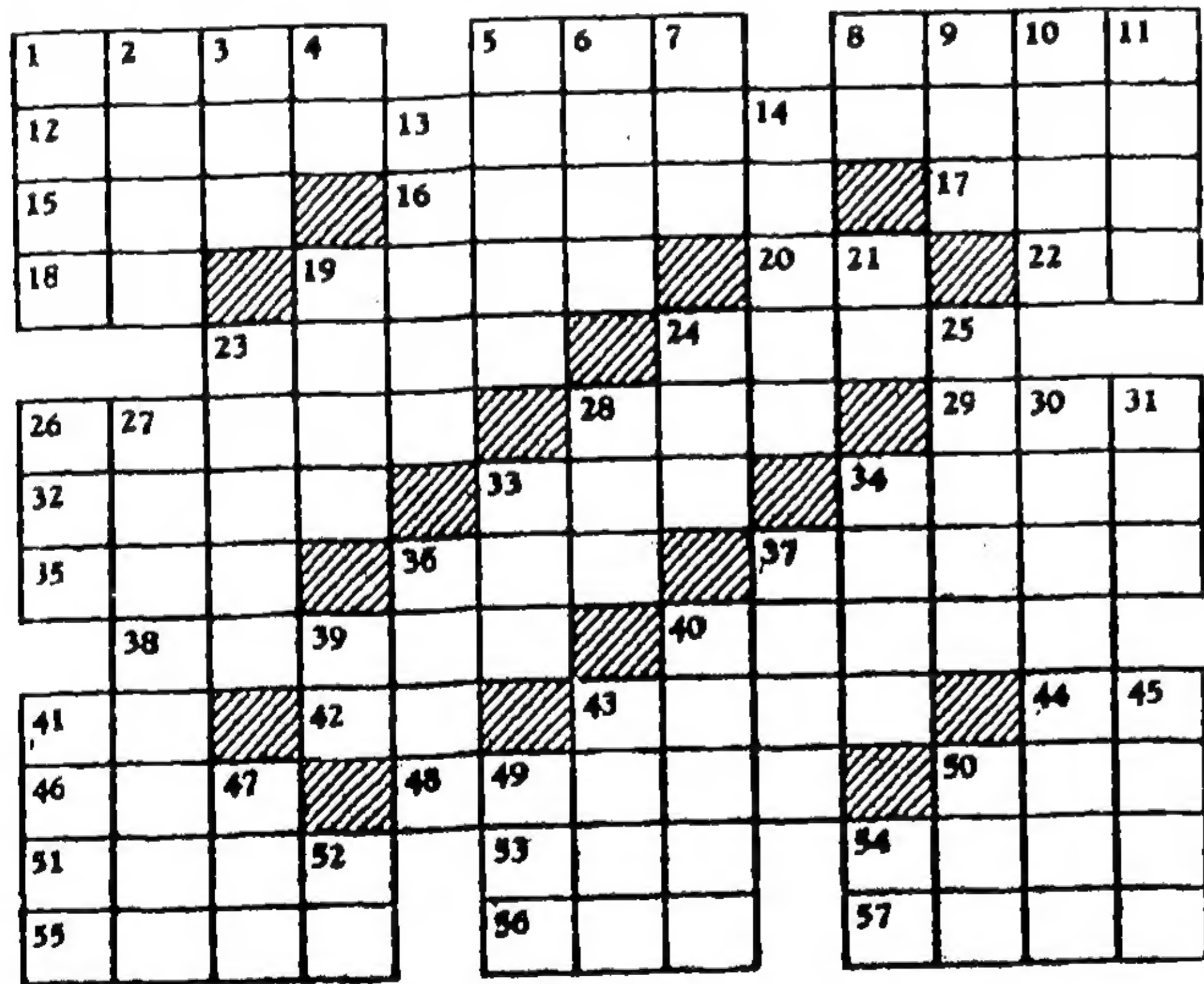
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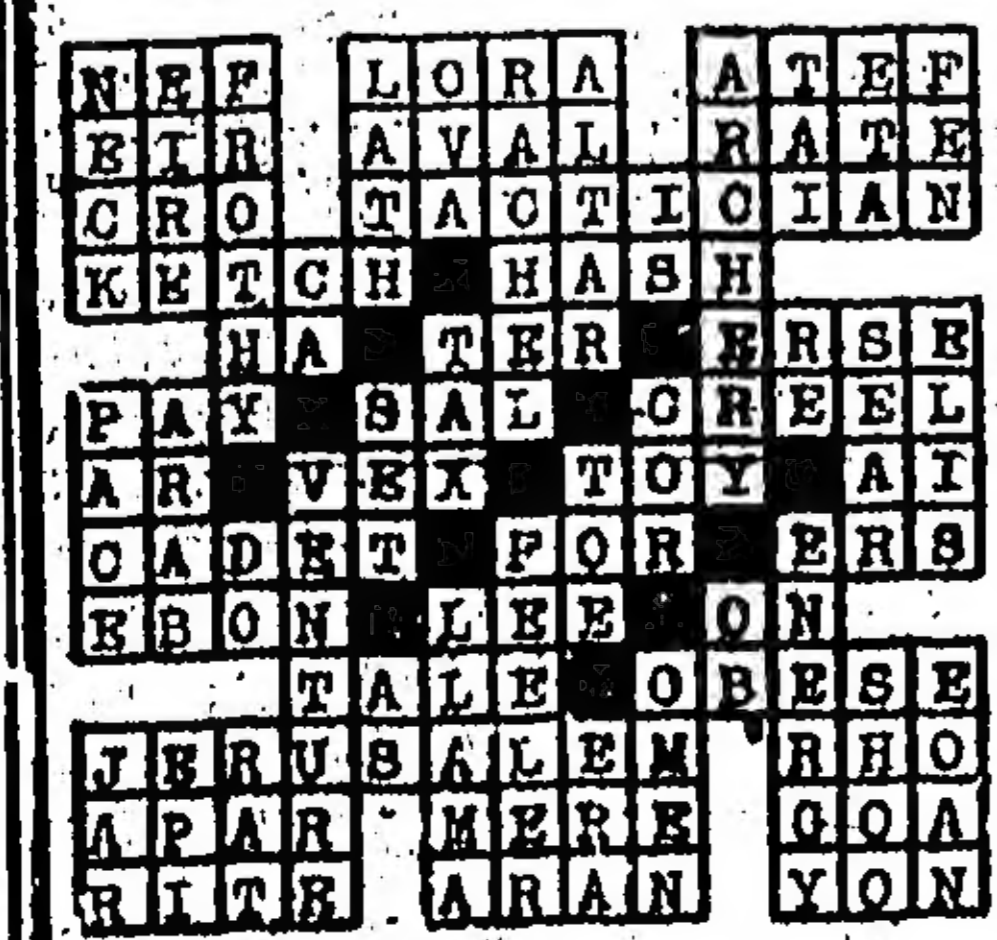
HORIZONTAL

- Plane surface
- Confusion
- Peruvian Indian
- Apparent enlargement of an object by an optical instrument
- Indo-Chinese tree
- Thong
- Weight
- Symbol for sodium
- To the sheltered side
- Pronoun
- Colloquial: father
- Winged
- Discovery
- Billiard shot
- To spread for drying
- Former Turkish title
- To incite
- Eric
- At all
- Prefix: in favour of
- To hasten
- Threefold
- Anaesthetic
- Hackneyed
- While
- Land measure

VERTICAL

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- Princess
- Ovum
- Article to
- Dreadful
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- Enclosure
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- Insect
- Fibre plant
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- Slang
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- Container
- Taken into custody
- Golf's mound
- Liberal
- Part of "to be"
- Evergreen tree
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EYE-WITNESS STORY OF TOBRUK

ANZACS WALK THROUGH THE ITALIANS

(By A Special Correspondent)

IT WAS NOT A BATTLE WHICH CONTINUED WHEN DAWN BROKE OVER TOBRUK BUT A MOPPING-UP OPERATION. THE SWIFT, DRAMATIC HAMMERBLOW WHICH SMASHED THROUGH BOTH RINGS OF FORTIFICATIONS PARALYSED THE ITALIANS' DEFENCE SYSTEM.

To-day, it is just a question of following up the attack against lines which have already been turned.

From the first to the last the Italians have been outmanoeuvred and hoodwinked. With the British forces storming with equal fury the 25 miles of forts which surrounded Tobruk they could not tell where the real break-through was planned.

Actually, the main onslaught was directed against a high spur of ground between the perimeter and Tobruk harbour, where the Italians had mounted the most formidable gun positions. Spearhead of the Imperial forces consisted of British tanks, Australian infantry, a famous Eastern County Yeomanry regiment and mechanised troops from the North Country.

Tanks Break Through

After Australian sappers had cut the barbed-wire entanglements our tanks crashed through at dawn and soon made a five-mile gap in the enemy's first and second lines. The infantry surged forward close behind.

Pouring through the gaps, a brigade of Australians charged straight for the objective. Others debouched right and left inside the perimeter, mopping up gun positions.

The Italian defences, taken from the rear, were all facing the wrong way. Gun emplacements and concrete pillboxes were being stormed and captured from their blind sides. Prisoners were streaming back behind our lines.

Creeping Barrage

Our men advanced behind a creeping barrage of artillery fire. The air resounded with the roar of the guns and the whine of shells hurtling overhead. The Italian front-line guns were quickly silenced, but not before thousands of prisoners streaming back were caught in the barrage from their own guns.

The Australians took their positions in two hours, instead of the four allowed for by the staff. Many of the guns they captured had received direct hits from our covering artillery.

To the west lay the strongly fortified Italian camp of Pilastrino, but our troops had orders to ignore this and to put out of action the two forts of Solaro and Airenite. These are old Roman strongholds lying in a straight line behind Tobruk.

Towards 2 o'clock, with the guns of Pilastrino fort booming on the left flank of the ridge, the later stages of the battle began. Over the port itself black smoke from burning oil dumps and barracks testified to the deadly effect of the R.A.F. bombings.

Bren gun carriers, infantry tanks and armoured cars and infantry went forward in perfect order.

Ships Blazing

Towards sunset, with the air still filled with the roar of battle, we decided to dash down the road direct to Tobruk. From the top of the final escarpment we saw the town and harbour for the first time.

A large liner lay at anchor, ablaze from stem to stern. Smaller craft which were tied up alongside were also in flames. Masts and funnels of sunken vessels showed above the surface. The cruiser San Giorgio lay disabled in the harbour mouth, and on the south side an oil tanker burned furiously.

A few men wandering through the town were the only signs of life, but a formidable battery comprising at least six guns, posted on a headland, was blazing away on the advancing British forces.

By nightfall the first fort — and possibly the second — had been captured by the British.

During the night the silence that had settled over the battlefield was broken by bursts of gunfire from the west, but otherwise operations seemed to be at a standstill. The sky was lighted up with fires from burning dumps.

While the Australians were capturing gunnery strongholds in the centre of the Tobruk area, armoured divisions, including Free French forces, held the garrison towards the west of the town.

Stiff Resistance

To-day, the Italians are holding out only in isolated positions. In the western sector they are putting up a stiff resistance. They are being battered from the front by British armoured formations and from behind by Australian units who are now swarming inside the perimeter.

Generally, the enemy has put up a stronger resistance than we have yet met.

There may be other isolated outposts strongly entrenched in the ravines which fret the coastline, but they cannot affect the issue. There are still gun positions on the promontory beyond Tobruk, but they cannot save the town. The setting on fire of the Italian cruiser San Giorgio in Tobruk Bay rendered a great service, as the warship's 10-inch guns were causing no little damage.

Tobruk is bigger than Bardia and holds a human interest Bardia did not have. For the first time British troops are capturing a place which is not just a military fortress, but is a town with a civilian population. It is not known how many there are or how they are faring, but their fellow-countrymen here tell me they will give the British a rousing welcome.

The story of the battle of Tobruk began when the Navy poured broadsides into the defences and the R.A.F. rained bombs on the port.

Sinister Silence

The Italian guns put up a good display. Flaming onions and anti-aircraft shells lit up the sky as our planes droned round the port plastering the defences. When this terrific air onslaught ceased a sinister silence hung over Tobruk.

Then the low rumbling of tanks and lorries began. The "big show" was on.

The basin of no man's land, protected from Italian observation by a ridge, was teeming with Australian infantry, who had moved up at dead of night from other positions by forced marches.

The advanced units dug themselves in so skillfully that it was difficult to see them even on the flat tableland stretching from beneath the ridge right up to the enemy's front line defences.

As far as the eye could see the plateau was studded with all types of tanks, armoured cars and guns of all calibres.

10 Miles in 11 Hours

With the dawn, after another intensive R.A.F. bombardment lasting two and a half hours, the full force of the British artillery barrage opened up. It went on for over an hour. Then the at-

GERMAN AIRMEN'S BOAST

Messages from a neutral source in Rome quote German pilots sight-seeing in the Italian capital as having said that they will take Malta within two weeks.

They admit heavy losses, however, in their efforts in the Mediterranean and say their two best dive-bombing pilots are dead.

SECRET PAPERS SCANDAL

M. P. Cites Loss Of 21 Documents

The need for drastic action to prevent the loss of official documents is emphasised by the latest case of this nature.

A secret document of the utmost importance has been lost in the West End of London. It is believed to have been stolen from a car belonging to an officer who left the vehicle unattended for a long time.

The frequency of such losses is to be the subject of a question in the House of Commons. Mr. C. G. Ammon, Labour Member for North Camberwell, is to ask the Secretary for War:

In how many of the 21 instances were the papers, appertaining to his Department, which were left in taximeter cabs and other public vehicles, recovered; and

What was the nature of the disciplinary measures meted out to the persons responsible for such negligence?

Carelessness Record

The 21 losses which Mr. Ammon attributes to those under the control of the War Office by no means exhausts the roll of official carelessness. Other property reported as having disappeared during the war includes:

Documents relating to the R.A.F., Woolwich Arsenal and the B.B.C.;

Passes to military camps, aerodromes, Royal palaces and Government buildings;

Rifles, a Bren gun, and R.A.F. uniforms.

One estimate has put the percentage of losses due to carelessness at 70. While it is agreed that casual thieves are largely to blame, the possibility of espionage remains. Drastic action against blameworthy losers may be taken.

tack began. Moving with incredible speed, the British Imperial Army took all in its stride. After only 11 hours it had advanced some 10 miles and completely encircled the port.

One more hour of daylight would have enabled the British tanks and machine-guns and the Australian infantry to have captured the town in a one-day battle.

"If we wanted to, we could have had Tobruk last night," an Australian Brigadier said, "but falling light and the desire to avoid needless casualties made us wait until morning."

British and Australian gunners fired for over 12 hours without a break. It was the biggest cannonade by British forces since the great battles of the war of 1914-1918.

CHINA MAIL
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AMERICA AND THE SEA WAR

Hitler so regularly uses words to mask his real purposes that it would not be safe to draw the conclusion, from his recent speeches, that the great German offensive of this Spring is to be primarily a sea and not a land war. But of one thing we may be certain. Whether or not he tries to invade England, whether or not he launches a campaign in the Mediterranean, even if he embarks upon both these adventures simultaneously, he will in any case enormously intensify his war against Britain on the sea. He will do this because the whole British effort to resist him and defeat him is dependent upon keeping open the lines of communication for indispensable supplies. There is no reason to doubt Hitler's assurance that this has been a busy Winter in the German shipyards; that "new types" of submarines have been developed; that efficient crews have been trained to man them. With the whole coast of Europe from Narvik to Bordeaux in German hands, with French ports far out in the Atlantic itself available as bases for operations, we are sure to see this Spring the greatest mass attack on British shipping that Germany has ever undertaken.

The threat of that attack is a challenge to America as well as to Britain. It has been repeated in Berlin since the adoption of the lease-lend bill. Through that measure it is possible for the President to transfer to British command, swiftly and without dubious interpretation of existing law, destroyers which the British may need desperately in order to cope with Germany's new submarines. At the same time, there are other steps that are to be taken. All necessary priorities — precedence over everything but long-range bombers, which can be delivered under their own momentum — are to be given the new programme of merchant-shipbuilding which Congress has already authorised. America is also considering whether she can afford to continue to permit merchant ships already built to fritter away their usefulness carrying luxury goods; whether the

Imagine that finest flower of modern propaganda — a Nazi mass-meeting, held any time before the outbreak of the present war. The vast hall, impressively draped and lit; the expectant crowds, worked into a state of hysteria by a couple of hours of martial music and community-singing; the bands of uniformed, marching youths carrying banners; the great climax of that breathless moment when the lights dim, and a blazing spot-light picks out the lonely figure of the Fuehrer, stepping from behind black curtains

time has not come for the American Government to take over these ships, with fair compensation to their present owners, and place them under British registry.

Hitler boasted on Monday that he still has power to strangle Britain.

It is, however, already being hinted in Washington that the United States, producing guns and shells and tanks and planes for Britain, do not intend to make these finely finished weapons only to have them sunk in the Atlantic Ocean. The most significant omission from the President's speech was absence of the phrase "all aid short of war." The fact is America is in it. By one means or another the supplies will reach England.

like a priest from the outer darkness; the last ecstasy when the receptive mass is swept away by his fierce oratory into an orgy of hatred against all who have "betrayed Germany."

Analyse this performance into its ingredients, and it will be found that success is due to three conditions. The speaker succeeds, first, because his audience wants to

By Dr. David Thomson

hear the things he tells them. They want to hear that Germany was not defeated in battle, that her suffering and humiliation are due not to any failures of her own, but to the treachery of Jews, Communists, Pacifists and Democrats. They are skilfully worked into a receptive and sympathetic mood and their "sales-resistance" is lowered by mass-emotion and exhaustion.

He succeeds, secondly, because all elements of criticism and all differences of opinion are carefully excluded. There is only one impression — unanimity and common devotion to the movement; only one ideal, power. The parades and organised applause are designed to create an effect of overwhelming and irresistible power. And physical force is always there in the background, ready to eject anyone who dares to interrupt.

He succeeds, thirdly, because he can appeal to facts and achieve-

ments, to actions that speak louder than words, and which seem to endorse his claims. He can point to the successful renouveau of Germany, the remilitarisation of the Rhineland, the Anschluss with Austria, the occupation of Czechoslovakia. These facts confirm the claim of invincibility.

These three conditions, in short, are the necessary basis for all effective propaganda; friendliness, force and facts. All propaganda must build upon one or more of these conditions, if it is to serve a political purpose. The power of the dictators has been established by a skilful combination of all three. But war has brought a fundamental change in this basis of their power. The aim of British policy must be to intensify this change.

Consider a Nazi mass-meeting held in Germany now. None of these essential conditions is present. The orator cannot tell his audience what they want to hear; for they want to hear that the promised Blitzkrieg has succeeded, and that they need no longer fear a winter of hardship, poverty and death. He can tell them again of the defeat of France and of German domination in Europe. But that will cause them only to ponder wistfully how intangible are the benefits that have so far accrued to Germany from these conquests. He cannot tell them that bombing will stop. He must call for further patience and greater sacrifices.

Nor is there the same impression of invincible force. A hostile counter-force has intruded: one which is even capable of planting a bomb on the Munich beer-house itself. There are dissentient voices — on the radio, for those who are brave enough to listen; and occasional leaflets are reminders that even the power of the Nazis is not absolute.

Likewise there are now other, less congenial facts, which cannot be forgotten and which spoil the old pattern. There are the black-

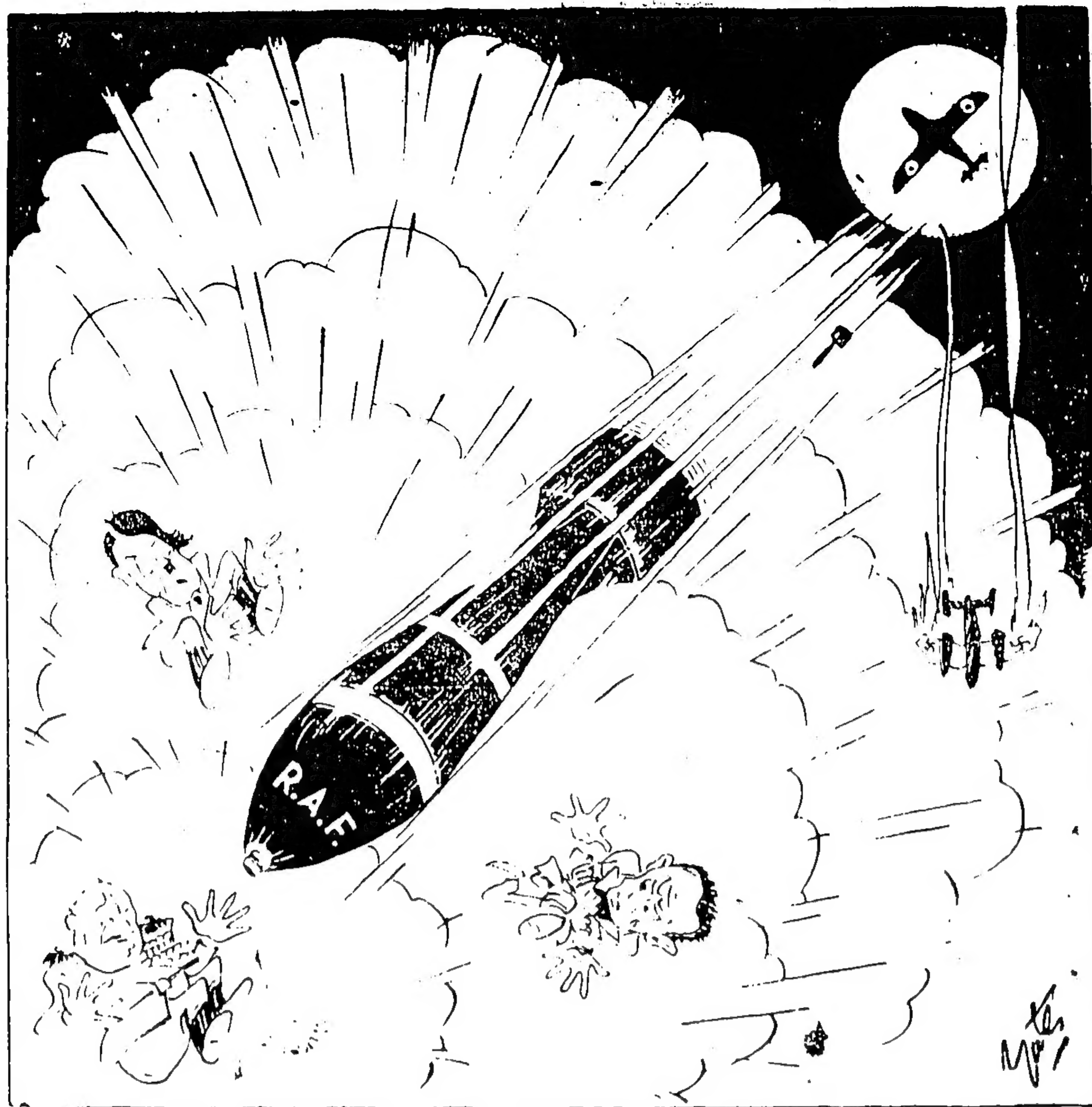
out, the air-raid shelter, iron rations, periodic bombing. Above all, there are brothers and sons killed, or taken prisoner, or at the best exiled in remote and unfriendly countries, in the vast, sprawling army of occupation. In the first year of war the best piece of British propaganda in Germany was the fact that there was a war at all, for the Nazis were invincible so long as they could "deliver the goods" without the cost of war. The best piece of British propaganda now is the fact that the war is still going on, for this raises inexorably the question, "Is it all worth while?" The aim of all our propaganda must be to ensure that the answer to this question, at every turn, will be "No."

In a dictatorship all propaganda is Government propaganda, and it is all propaganda for power. Political power depends upon the loyalty of men, and the loyalty of men can be enlisted in three ways: by an appeal to sympathy, by an appeal to fear, and by an appeal to reason. The Axis dictators have accumulated loyalty by making each of these appeals at the right moment. They first captured the attention and sympathy of their peoples by telling them things which people wanted to hear by appealing to the intense passions of nationalism, by building up a "Myth of Victory." In Germany, this took the form of the legend that the German armies had never been defeated in battle, but had been stabbed in the back by the Jews, Communists and Democrats. In Italy it took the form of the myth that Italy had won the war but had lost the peace — again, because she had been betrayed at the peace by her own Liberals and by the democracies of France and Britain. When each dictator had captured the machinery of Government by such propaganda, he turned to the weapon of force and appealed to fear. This was the stage of terror, castor-oil, concentration-camps, and party-purges. Finally, when all opposition had been cowed, came the final stage of "achievements" and the appeal to reason: the boasts of victories won against the decadent democracies in the field of diplomacy, and against "traditional enemies" in Abyssinia, and in Czechoslovakia, Poland and France. But now the climax has been reached. This smooth process is ended. The day of reverses and of reckoning has come. Britain has not been invaded. Nor has Greece. And both are hitting back hard.

This is the supreme moment for British propaganda. There are signs that this is being realised. The B.B.C. is being reorganised. A bigger programme of broadcasts to the peoples of all occupied territories is planned. Mistakes in broadcasts to Germany are being remedied. The R.A.F. have again started to drop leaflets, and rumours of the real extent of the damage done to the navy at Taranto are being confirmed by bestowing photographs of it upon Turin. Still more of this kind of propaganda should be pressed home. British propaganda, hitherto on the defensive, must now move steadily to the offensive.

Meanwhile, the enemy propaganda offensive has exhausted itself. The elaborate series of illusions carefully built up by Goebbels at home and abroad has been systematically belied by events. First, the decadent democracies would not fight. Then, when they did, it would all be over in a few months. Then, when it was not, Germany would build a "New Order" in Europe. Meanwhile the Nazi-Soviet Pact and the ruthless invasion of neutral countries such as Norway, Denmark and Greece have combined to reveal to neutrals the true purpose of this "New Order." The loyalty of Greece, Turkey and Egypt has not been shaken, and the Japan-Axis Pact, far from scaring the U.S.A. out of the war, has done much to facilitate aid for Britain. The defensive and faltering tone of the latest public speeches of both dictators is the best measure of these failures. Enemy propaganda is now thrown back on the defensive.

The power of the Axis dictators, it must be repeated, is based upon a skilful combination of friendliness, fear, and facts. It can be overthrown only by an equally skilful combination of disillusionment, force and achievements. Britain too must appeal to sympathy, fear and reason, in judicious proportions. To weave these strands into one clear-cut pattern is the task now before the Ministry of Information. One can only hope that they will at "Go to It."



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R.A.F. GIVES NAZIS NO RESPIRE

MOVING OUR
AIR FRONTIER
TO GERMANY

(By An Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE is now engaged on the gigantic task of shifting the air frontier. That, and nothing less, is the meaning of the remarkable operations which British aircraft have been undertaking in the past few days.

We can take and hold the offensive. By day and by night the enemy must now expect a hammering from the air such as no nation in history has ever had to withstand. With every fresh assault the air frontier will be pushed farther and farther over and into Germany.

In August and September the Royal Air Force, owing to its numerical inferiority to the enemy, was on the defensive. It was fighting against odds to preserve our islands against the invading air forces.

It was fighting most of the time over Britain. Only at night was it able to strike back and to assume the offensive.

Now the position is different. From being over the South Coast, and even over London, the air frontier is being shifted to the coast of France and to the German bases beyond it.

It is the clearest and most positive sign of growing air strength. It is the recapture of the offensive in the air such as the Royal Flying Corps maintained almost throughout the war of 1914-18.

Then it was the exception for an enemy aeroplane to be shot down over friendly country. Nearly all the British victories were achieved far over the other side.

In August and September last year the enemy machines were falling in hundreds on British soil, a sign of tactical superiority but at the same time a sign that the enemy was on the offensive and that we were on the defensive. Now enemy machines will be falling in Germany and in German-occupied country.

Increased Losses
Likely

We shall lose more heavily. That is almost certain and must be accepted as the price of the sustained air offensive. But the total effect on the German war effort will be far more markedly in our favour than any successes in defensive operations.

We shall employ technical superiority even greater than we enjoyed last year against the enemy, and numbers which ap-

proach and will soon exceed his own. Already the pressure of our reserves is great. And it is steadily mounting.

We shall not follow the German example of trying to take the offensive and then being beaten and forced to abandon it. When once we start the Germans will know no respite except such as comes to them through the intervention of the weather. We shall not cease, but continue on a steadily increasing scale.

A great problem of planning confronts the Air Staff in instituting this offensive. But it is a problem to which Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of Air Staff, has been looking forward for months. He will use every ingenuity and every stratagem to attain our objectives with the smallest possible loss.

There will be an interesting secondary effect when the offensive reaches its peak. The German night raiders will work less often and in diminishing strength. At last the real answer to the enemy night raiders emerges, the sustained, mounting and systematic aerial offensive.

Reward Of Planning

It is worth giving thanks to those in the British aircraft industry and those in charge of the R.A.F. who founded the magnificent machinery which is now turning out aircraft at a high rate.

Especially praiseworthy are those who looked forward and planned on a large scale, for aircraft production cannot be achieved in a short space of time. It is always and inevitably the result of long-term planning.

Later on thanks are also due to those who, under the energetic leadership of Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, have built up our force and supplied it with the serried reserves which now stand behind it, and to the factories in the United States which now stand as a secondary reserve of incalculable strength.

These work-people and those United States factories may now be called on even more urgently for the tremendous sprint which will enable us to achieve decisive superiority in the air and to hold the air over Germany and German-occupied territory as if it were our own.

When they see how the Royal Air Force is making use of the machines they turn out those workers respond with all their strength.

RAID "GREETING"
FOR FILM STARS

Film stars, Vivien Leigh and her husband, Laurence Olivier, when they arrived in England were welcomed by an air raid. Guns were booming as they reached the west coast port to which they had flown from Portugal, but they made a safe landing and the "Raiders Passed" sounded soon afterwards.

Just as they reached their hotel, however, another "Alert" was sounded.

Before that, however, Miss Leigh said to a reporter, "We have come home to be of as much use as possible." Mr. Olivier said, "We want to do all we can."

BOMBERS
FLYING
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With R.A.F.

(By An Air Correspondent)

United States bombers are being flown across the Atlantic for the R.A.F., and a continuous stream will be maintained in future. They land practically ready to go into action.

Four types now being flown are: Lockheed Hudson long range reconnaissance bomber for the Coastal Command.

Boeing B-17 four-engine bomber, popularly called the Flying Fortress.

Consolidated two-engine flying-boat.

Lockheed Vega Ventura bomber, a larger and faster version of the Lockheed Hudson.

These are not the only machines that will be ferried over the ocean in this factory-to-squadron delivery half way across the world. The four-engine Consolidated landplane bomber will also come by air, and any other of the American aircraft which have a sufficient range to enable the flight to be made without undue risk.

Saving Time

By bringing them by air not only is the risk of U-boat sinkings avoided and the actual journey reduced by many days, but the dismantling after a test flight, the crating, the handling and the re-assembly and test flight in this country are all eliminated.

The consequence is that the only special modification needed for the flights will be the installation of additional fuel tanks in the bomb bays.

DESECRATING
U.S. CEMETERY
Nazi Bombing Plan

The Washington correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" says that the State Department has reason to believe that the German military authorities in occupied France are contemplating setting up an experimental bombing area which may include the largest American war cemetery abroad, that of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, near Verdun.

It is believed that the American Administration has asked for further explanations, and has stated the reasons why the American people would not care to see 15,000 American soldiers' graves bombed.

The proposed bombing experiment, rumour-insists, will include the use of gas.

LED FIRST R.A.F.
RAID ON GERMANY

The leader of the first air raid over Germany in this war, A/ Sqdrn-Ldr. W. I. Scott, is included in the names of 81 airmen who, previously reported missing, are now presumed to have been killed in action.

Sqdrn-Ldr. Scott, whose home was at Kingsley Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, was 27 when, early in September, 1939, he led the first flight of R.A.F. bombers in their attack on German warships at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven. The Air Ministry's list contains 359 names.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Young Boys "Dish It Out" About Young Girls

To day I am writing to the young things—those who are under nineteen.

Forty-seven young lads were questioned about the girl subject and they were delighted at having an opportunity of telling the world what they "dished" about women.

They led off on the subject of make-up. They hate blood-red lip-tick and nail polish and simply loathe overdrawn, heavily coated lips. No appeal there, they claim! They like nicely manicured nails and the lighter shades of polish but no red.

No boy will tell a girl she looks messy and should be better groomed, they warned, but they notice such details and hold it against the girl who doesn't measure up to their standards. And nearly all the boys voiced objection to repairing make-up in public. Jimmy Lydon of the films, put it this way: "There's a whole gang on a picnic and a girl's nose gets shiny and who cares? Girls should go without make-up on such occasions and when they are on a dinner or formal date, they should go to the Powder Room to make repairs in their beauty!"

About Clothes

All the boys seemed neutral on the subject of girl's clothes. Crazy hats don't seem to bother them a bit but some shoes get their criticism. Among the ones they dislike are those with "stilt" heels cut out toes, wedge soles and oh girls—not one of the boys like ankle socks unless they are worn with tennis or tramp shoes.

All the boys seemed to want their girls to be beguilingly feminine. They like girls to swim, play tennis or badminton—but not too well. (You see their vanity must be preserved!) All adore a "smooth" dancer. All loathe a girl who talks too much.

About driving—the boys wished ardently that girls would learn to drive well but to let a boy drive when he was in her car! Some now their ego is flattened a bit when they are driven by a woman. But they were fair about this because they urged girls to ask



For sportswear JOAN LESLIE wears a youthful hair style with loose braids. No make-up!

them to slow down a bit if their own driving got reckless. "A girl shouldn't hesitate to ask a boy to drive well—he'll do it if she asks him."

About Entertainment

The boys also agreed on what they liked to do on a date. They enjoyed movies, picnics, swimming parties, small dances with their own gang. Most of the boys disliked calling solo on a girl because parents make them uncomfortable!

And please, don't talk about other boy friends—that seems to be a common complaint. How about it, girls?

Last but not least, don't make fun of a boy's possessions. Freddie Bartholomew states it this way—"Love me, love my rattle-trap car!"

DANES REQUITE AID

Seventeen years ago Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, gave his services to men who were injured in an explosion in a Danish cruiser which was engaged in experimental work off Copenhagen.

This month Danes living in Britain will present a recreation pavilion to a plastic hospital in the Home Counties in which Sir Harold is interested, as a mark of their appreciation of his services on that occasion.

The Danish cruiser Geyser was experimenting in the manufacture of a smoke screen when the explosion occurred. Many of the crew were badly burned and needed expert treatment.

Sir Harold Gillies was asked to help, and both his advice and treatment were so successful that his services have never been forgotten. Now, for the first time, Danes in England say, they have the opportunity of expressing their appreciation in a form which will be acceptable both to Sir Harold and to England.

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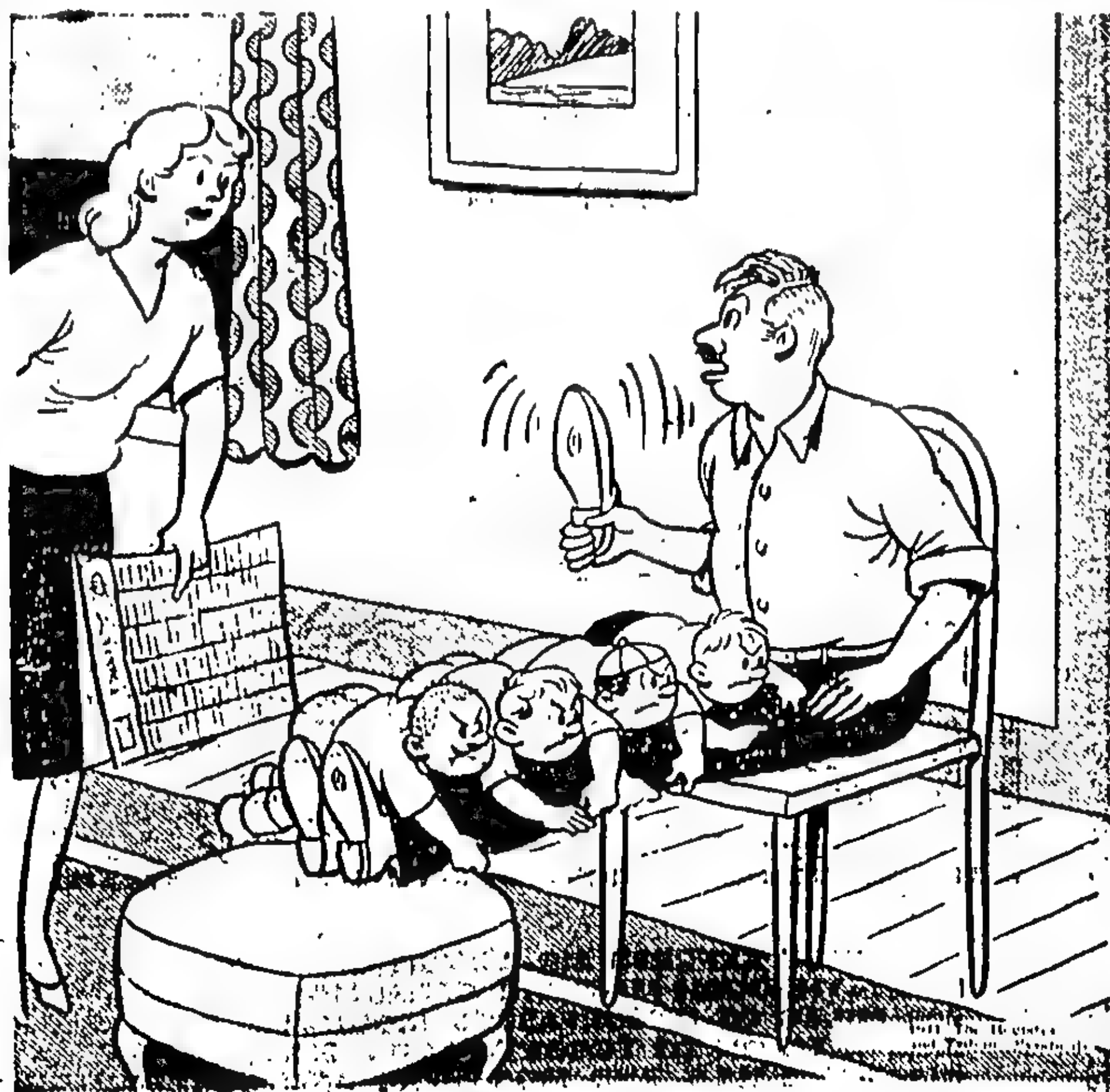
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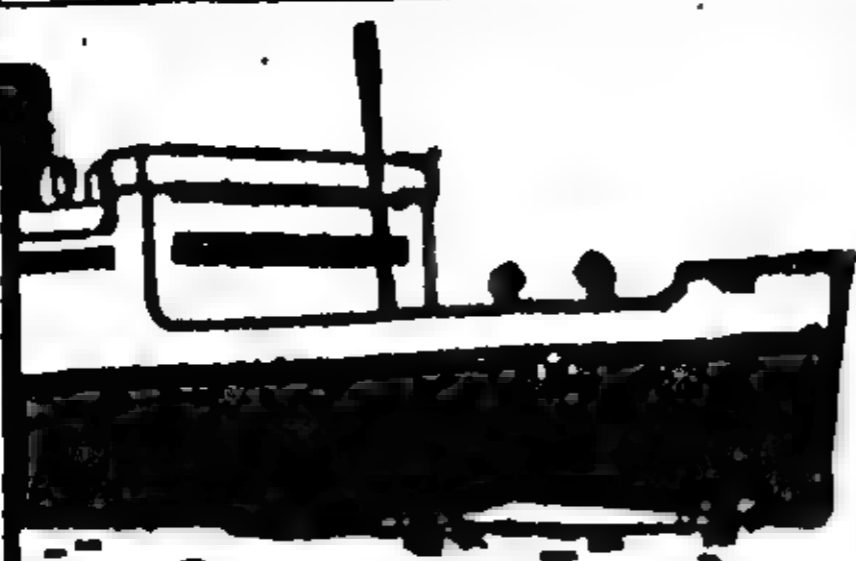


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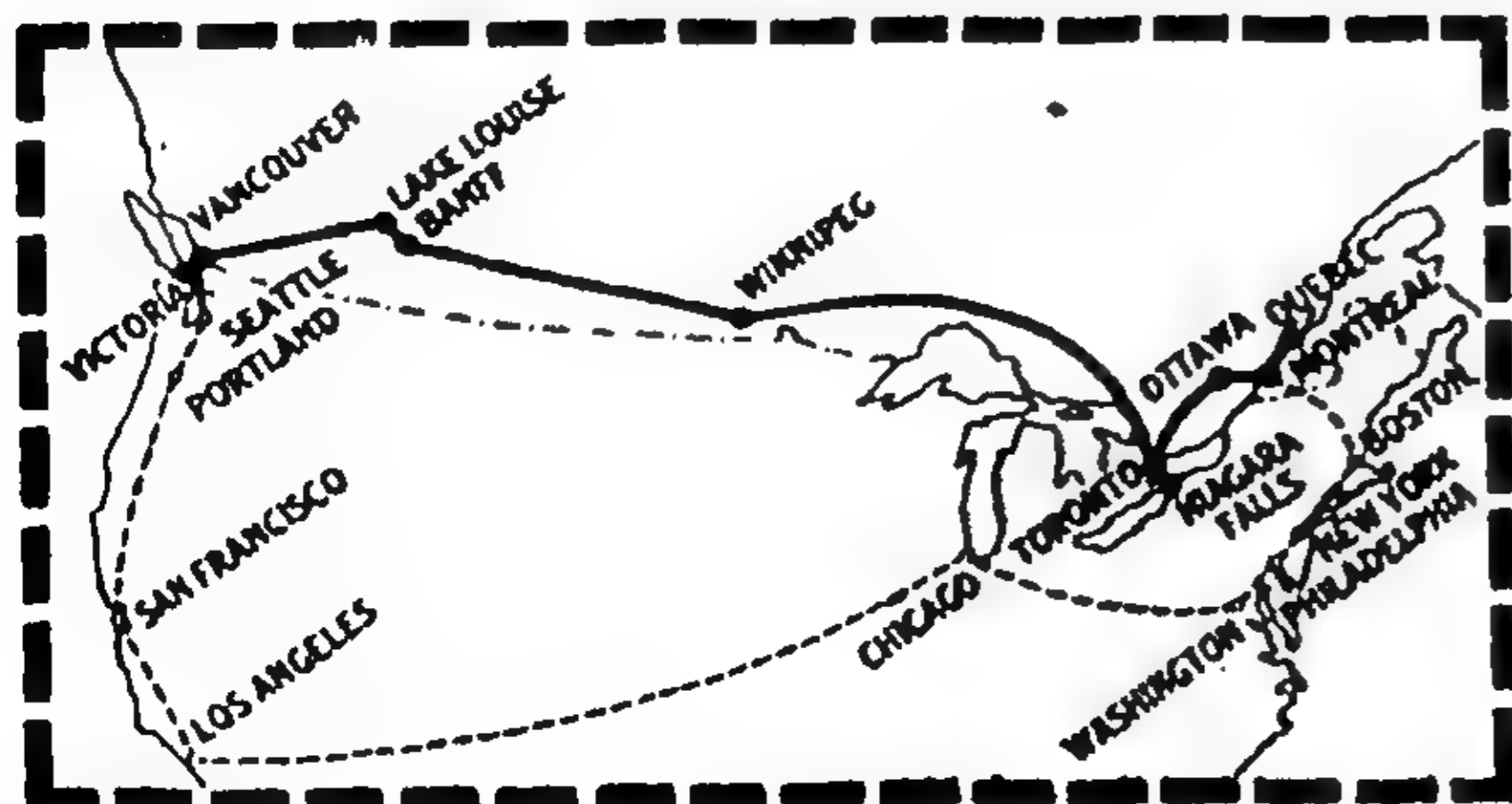
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 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal
 1.01 p.m.—Liszt—Sonata in B Minor.
 1st Mov. Lento assai-Allegro energico-Grandioso; 2nd Mov. Allegro energico; 3rd Mov. Andante sostenuto; 4th Mov. Allegro energico. Andante sostenuto-Allegro moderato-Lento assai. Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).
 1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements
 1.45 p.m.—Humorous Variety.
 Vocal: Just Another Sally (Charlton) Max Miller with Orchestra; Vocal: The Empire Depends on You (from 'Under Your Hat') Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra; Humorous Monologue—The Mayor (Tilly) John Tilly Vocal Solo Tired (Little & Sizemore) Ann Penn with Orchestra; Humorous Sketch—Sandy's Own Broadcasting

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 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
 2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
 3.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
 6.32 p.m.—Half an hour with Delius. Sonata No. 2: Con moto—Lento—Molto vivace...Lionel Tertis (Viola) and George Reeves (Piano).
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 The Comical Fellow (arr. Porter); Mutual Love (arr. Porter)...Folk Dance Band
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 O Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad ('Folk Songs of Scotland') Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with Piano
 Scandinavian Dances Little Man in a Fix, Sextor, Gallopin. Folk Dance Orchestra
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 'Jewels of the Madonna'—Introduction to Act 2 (Wolf-Ferrari)...New Light Symphony Orchestra.
 8.30 p.m.—Studio—'Makers of Medicine' No. 4: 'Medical Humanist: Grammarian and Doctor, Thomas Linacre.' Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
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 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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 Embrasse-Moi (Pills-Tabet)... Je T'aime (Pills-Tabet) Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch.
 La Fille De Madame Angot—Overture (Lecocq) Vienna Symphony Orch.
 La Chanson des Rues (Vaucaire & Goer). Why Do You Pass Me By? ...Jean Sablon (Vocal) w. Orch.
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 9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
 10.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Mr. H. C. Macnamara on 'The Fanning Hunt'.
 10.10 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.
 I Nearly Let Love Go Shipping Through My Fingers (film 'It's Love Again'). Would You? (film 'San Francisco'). Love Is Everywhere (film 'Look Up and Laugh'). Kiss Me Good-Night (Green-Greet)
 10.23 p.m.—Dance Music.
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 Waltzes: Beautiful Spring, Vienna Folk Harry Hotick & His Orch.
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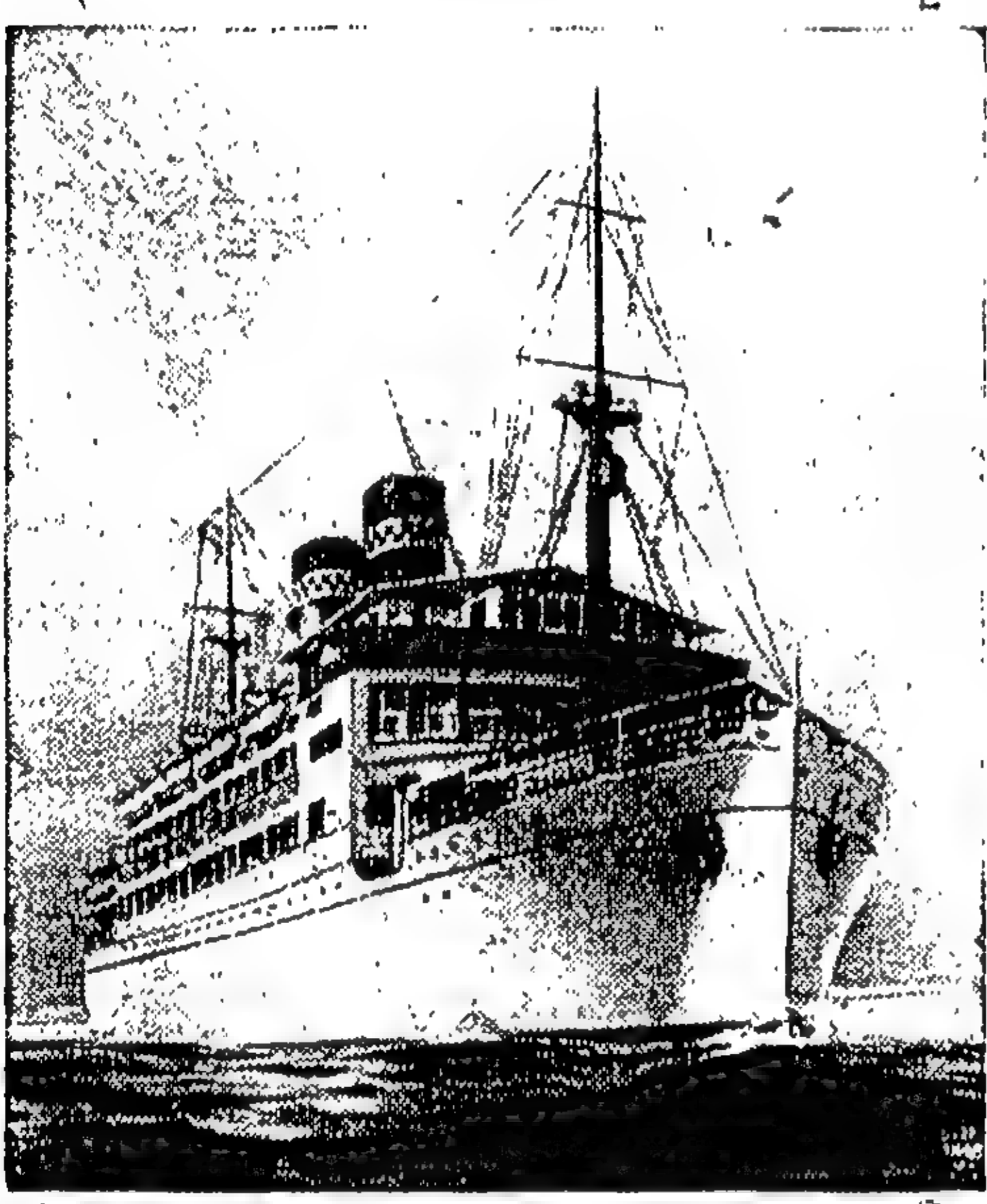
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Lack Of Practice Much Apparent In Opening Colony Tennis Matches

Oxlade Shows Some Promise

By "Adrem"

Although conditions underfoot for the players were far from ideal owing to the slippery state of the ground, yesterday's brilliant weather attracted a large crowd to Hong Kong Cricket Club to watch opening matches in the Colony tennis championships.

Three of the better players in the tournament were on view but there was little interesting tennis and the recent protracted spell of wet weather was reflected in the obvious lack of practice of everyone on view yesterday.

It was expected that the closest match of the day would be between the Japanese entry of O. Umetani and T. Imura, and veteran T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, who are a very formidable combination in "B" Division of the League. Actually, however, long rallies were few and far between although there were some lively moments when exchanges became quite spirited.

Steady Pair

The Japanese, who won in straight sets, are a combination who depend more on steadiness than brilliance and they will be a difficult pair to beat when they have had more practice. Both were useful off the ground and both obviously have a sound knowledge of the game.

Gould and Monaghan were too erratic to be effective but they played a breezy brand of tennis that made the game quite an attractive one to watch.

After a very poor first set, when the Cricket Club pair were unable to do anything right, Oxlade and Barwell still did down to play good tennis and improved sufficiently to give the Tsui brothers quite a lot of opposition.

On one occasion with Barwell coxing, they led 5-4, having won the previous three games as the result of some good play by Oxlade, but the Tsuis then settled down to their task and won the next three games for set and match.

As is usual in a match of this description the Tsuis did not over-exert themselves and on this match their form is difficult to assess.

Oxlade, however, gave the impression that he might be quite a useful singles player and his match against Tsui Yan-pui next week should be quite interesting.

In a match of very poor standard, Sewell and MacDougall beat Martin and Matthias, while H. D. Rumjahn was able to play at half-speed and yet beat Howard comfortably.



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BIG SOCCER MATCH TO-DAY

The First Division Football championship may be decided this afternoon, when South China meet Police at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m.

South China must win this game to retain the championship and the loss of a point will mean a replay with Eastern.

Police have not done very well in the League this season but throughout the League they have nearly always given every team they have met a good game. Consequently this afternoon they are quite liable to upset the Chinese.

The other senior game is between Royal Scots and Navy and here a good game should be seen in the Second Round of the Senior Shield. Navy won by the odd goal in three.

Following is to-day's programme:
First Division:
Royal Scots v. Navy (5.00 p.m.)
South China v. Police (5.00 p.m.)
Caroline Hill (5.00 p.m.)
Third Division:
N. R. A. v. Saints (5.00 p.m.)
S. Kowloon v. Rangers (5.00 p.m.)
(Stakes 3.00 p.m.)

Police: Tsang Wang Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu, North Gough and Pope, Gordon, Wong Man-kwan, Howett, Fenner and Moss.

South China:—Tam Kwan-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, and Lau Hong-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-tai, Lee Wan-tong, Chow Man-shu, Lee Shek-yau.

SCOTLAND'S "S.H." CUP ELEVEN

Following have been chosen to represent Scotland in the Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition against England on Sunday, April 6 at Boundary Street.

Bankier (R. Scots); Naysmith (R. Scots) and Fraser (R. Scots), Capt.; Munroe (R. Scots), Birrell (R.E.) and Clarke (R. Scots); Garry (R. Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (R. Scots), Howlett (Police) and Marshall (R. Scots).
Reserves:—Blackburn (Police), Lamb (Kowloon), Gilroy (R. Scots), Hutchison (Signals), Scott (Club).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:—

At 10.30 a.m.
5th A.A. "A" v Police "B"
5th A.A. "B" v Police "A"
C.B.A. v Engineers
University v Nomads
A. N. Other XI v Destroyers
At 4 p.m.
Gunboats v Khalsa

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES
H. D. Rumjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.
OPEN DOUBLES
O. Umetani and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.
Tsui Wan-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.
G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias 6-2, 6-2.
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
H. van Leeuwen (-2 6) beat L. P. Ralph (plus 1 6) 6-3, 6-3.
A. T. Dow (-3 6) beat M. A. Vierens de Haan (Scr.) 6-0, 6-3.
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scr.) beat N. Spence and E. Newton (-1 6) 6-8, 6-2, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

Ho Ka-lau v K. H. Ip (7)

Open Doubles

Pang On-lam and Lee Kam-ming v B. and I. Aguturoff (4), G. Choa and A. V. Remedios v A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong (5), F. H. Kwok and T. E. Lang v Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui (3)

SMALL UNITS SPORTS

A crowded programme has been arranged for the Small Units Sports which is scheduled to take place this afternoon at the Chatham Road field.

The main feature in the programme of 14 events will be the invitation one-mile relay, in which will be participating, a team from Hong Kong University and three teams from the Middlesex Regiment.

The purpose of the competition is to select contestants for the forthcoming Army meet.

BATTLE TO KEEP SOCCER GOING

This will give you some idea of how Soccer clubs are battling to keep the flag flying these days.

Tom Parker, the Southampton manager, took a team to Reading recently that cost him in wages just two guineas—which the six professionals agreed to accept to help the club.

The average age of the team was 17½.

Tom said the crowds he gets at home matches cover expenses and sometimes show a profit.

What Southampton wants, of course, is some London club fixtures, and they feel they have as strong a grievance as left-out Portsmouth, though nobody has pleaded their cause.

ARMY RUGBY

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Middlesex beat Royal Artillery by two goals and a try (13 points) to a try (3 points) in the Large Units Rugby League.

In the other game Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

A DISCOURSE ON SOFTBALL AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS, HEAVY SHOWERS CAUSED THE ENTIRE WEEK-END SOFTBALL PROGRAMME TO BE POSTPONED, DELAYING THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES FOR A FURTHER WEEK.

Whilst the rain was drenching the K.F.C. ground, this corner had an opportunity of sitting in on one of those gab sessions, which is a softball bug's favourite past-time on a rainy day. One vociferous, but not too well-informed addict, voiced his opinion that an all-star team should be made up of all the players with the highest fielding averages. "For," says he, "Aren't they the best fielders, since figures don't lie."

This statement is only partially correct, for, strange as it may seem, averages are often very misleading, and it is a fact that managers very often ignore averages in determining a player's fielding ability.

Analysis Necessary

To be able to read the averages rightly, one must be acquainted with the figures, for averages do disclose real facts about a fielder's ability, but in order to obtain the proper information from the averages, the figures must be analysed.

Take, for instance, Maple Leaf hindersnatcher Johnnie Delgado's up-to-date fielding average of .936, which is one point above that of Mohawk catcher, Joe Morris, which seems to indicate that Delgado is the better catcher. Delgado is far from being the better receiver, and even he will confirm this, but the averages didn't say that he was the better man, they merely recorded the fact that considering the number of chances he was credited with handling, he made fewer errors in proportion to those chances, than Morris did.

Eliminate Canuck fire-ball hurler Herbie Quon's 39 strikeouts, for which Delgado was credited with put-outs, from his record of 40; then work out the averages and you'll be surprised. A catcher's ability should be reckoned from the number of passed balls and bases stolen against him, that is to say, the lesser the number, the better the player's ability.

The Real Test

In the case of the other fielding positions, the real test of a player's fielding ability is the amount of ground covered, with the consequent potential hits he is able to cut off.

Accordingly, the real indication is in the number of changes accepted by a player, namely the put-outs and assists.

In the case of outfielders, the greater the number of put-outs the greater the fielder's ability, since fielders who play on a dime, and allow the ball to bounce, will seldom be charged with an error, the batter being more often than not credited with a hit.

Incidentally, with a majority of right-handed batters in the local loop, right fielders have fewer chances of making errors which accounts for a higher fielding percentage than the other outfielders.

Similarly a first-baseman will probably make fewer errors in proportion to the other fielders, because his chances are generally easier, and when they do get bad, the thrower and not the first-baseman gets the error.

COLONY BADMINTON

Badminton championship matches at the Club de Reerelo last evening resulted as follows:—

Junior Doubles:—J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies beat W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 15-3, 15-6.

Junior Singles:—E. Gillespie beat A. L. Gordon, 15-3, 15-4; T. S. Young beat J. Tsang, 18-13, 18-16.

Mixed Doubles:—H. C. and Miss Decima Eardley beat E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong, 15-7, 15-6.

WORLD'S RECORD BANDAGE

Nattrass got the Arsenal—Shedfield United final of 1930, which I remember, not only for the refereeing but for the world's biggest bandage round the right knee, or maybe the left, of one Ted Drake, writes a correspondent.

Which didn't stop Edward banging home the Cup-winning goal for Arsenal.

Pint-sized, very nippy at the gate, first called "Natty" Nattrass by me because of his neat sartorial ensembles, possessor of a watch-timer which made his extra time allowances the last word in split-seconds—that's Nattrass that was. We shall hope for his quick return to the game.

WAITER JOCKEY

Jockeys know all about the art of waiting. Harry Wragg is the chief artist at riding this sort of race. But that well-known rider Freddie Hunter, one of Stanley Wootton's best-known pupils of former days, is top of the art of another sort of waiting.

For three months he has been an officer's mess waiter in the R.A.O.C.

Incidentally, he tells me he has "acquired" the only spring bed in his camp.

HOW FAMOUS TROPHIES ARE BEING KEPT SAFE

"FACE THE NETTING from the box . . . walk up white line . . . stop five yards from top end of court . . . dig ten feet."

Reads a bit like Long John Silver? Well, it is a treasure-trove plan, but the buried hoard is silver cups, not pieces of eight, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Well-known London tennis club members are now playing over instead of for, their club trophies. Just a very sensible "blitz" precaution.

This set me off on a few inquiries, writes a correspondent yesterday. Where are cups of yesterday? the gold and silver symbols which before Hitler got his rush of blood to the head meant so much to so many. Perhaps too much, but so it will be again some day glory be!

Where They Are

Sport's No. 1 trophy, the F.A. Cup, is still at off-bombed Portsmouth. I am not saying where, but the Football Association is satisfied it is in a place of safety with the Timm spats.

Dick Burton's Open Golf Championship Cup, worth perhaps £5, is snugly secure at Sale, and the Walker is in the vault of a Scottish bank—with the rest of the Royal and Ancient's irreplaceable treasures, which in peace time were kept, with Scottish caution, in a steel reinforced strong-room inside the granite clubhouse.

We took the Walker from America in the last peace season, which, from a safety point of view, may not perhaps have been the right thing to do, but discreetly left in their keeping the Ryder. Let's say because it is one of the few golden sport trophies.

U.S.A. also guards the Wightman and the Curtis, while the Davis is where no German can lay vandal hands upon it in Australia. Incidentally, Australia held the Davis Cup throughout the last war.

Mark Twain's Cup

The Ascot Gold Cup which you will know a London evening paper contents bill once accused Mark Twain of "stealing" ("Mark Twain Arrives: Gold Cup Stolen") is in a jeweller's safe. So is the Jockey Club Cup and other famous Turf cups.

The historic urn which holds the Test cricket Ashes was moved to a place of safety at the war break, together with the rest of the treasure-trove in the long room at Lord's.

Peggy Cockburn, who is carrying on the Professional Golfers' Association in the absence of Commander Roe, tells me all P.G.A. cups are in a bank in the country.

One of them, given for the best single round in the Open, was lost during the last war and mourned for years, but played for each season until it mysteriously turned up. No one ever solved this mystery.

Ted Ray Lost One

Ted Ray also lost a cup during the last war (the Leeds, which he won so often it would follow him about). He found it again on the eve of a meeting in a crate in a loft!

Ted sent it in post haste to the jewellers to be cleaned, and they, seeing his name all over it, duly inscribed it again.

No time to get it erased, so Ray saved complications by winning it again. "Saved me buying a new cup mate," said Ted between pipe puffs.

Then there is the case of Arthur Whichells, who went on winning greyhound racing cups until his wife refused to clean any more. Arthur is solving that one by putting them all up for war charity events.

RUGBY STAR MISSING

That grand Richmond and England forward, Pilot-Officer D. E. Teden, considered by many the best forward in the four Unions in 1938-39, is reported missing. He has played some grand games for Roeslyn Park this season.



CHARITY GOLF MATCH

The first "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund match in the Midlands was an outstanding success.

Henry Cotton and Alfred Padgham won the 18 holes four-ball from the Open champion, Dick Burton, and the crack Warwickshire amateur, J. Murry, by 5 and 4. It was Padgham's magic putter that did most of the deadly work.

Big money was being paid for "eagles" and "birdies" and Alfred scored the only "eagle" and three out of the seven "birdies" collected by the four players.

Henry, however, drew first blood by winning the fifth hole and Alfred had the first of his 2's at the seventh.

Dick Burton produced one of his champion shots to win at the eighth, nearly holing his iron shot, but that was the only hole his side claimed before the match ended.

"Justly Proud"

The effort of which Alfred was justly proud was the 439 yards length where he scored his "eagle" three with a beautifully judged second shot and a firmly-struck putt.

He won the 12th and 13th, the latter with his second two and Henry administered the coup de grace at the 14th with a par four.

Olton's enthusiastic members are keeping the subscription list open as they wish to raise a really impressive sum for the needs of the air raid victims to whom the whole proceeds of the match will be devoted.

The club hopes to raise £300 for the fund. The auction brought in over £50.

One of the sales was six onions which the captain, Mr. J. Doherty, bought for six guineas for what he claimed to be "the most expensive stew of his life."

FEAR OF JOCKEY SHORTAGE

I foresee a serious shortage of flat-race jockeys when the new season begins in March.

Gordon Richards, the champion, is only one of several who will probably be with the colours in the late spring, and I happen to know that leave of absence for riding engagements won't be as generously bestowed as it appears to be for the week-end footballers.

I had a chat with Johnnie Gilbert on a 48-hours' marriage leave, and he was not at all confident about how any application for a day off would fare.

I know other soldier-jockeys who take a similar view.

In National Hunt sport there has yet been no shortage of available riders because there are always amateurs keen to take a chance mount, and in any case the ranks of the professionals are over-crowded.

Not so in flat-racing and I can visualise occasions when we have a Saturday with two meetings, one up North and the other in the South, that there will be a real shortage of jockeys.

Perhaps the men of Elre will come over and see us sometime. They are not troubled with Army call-ups there yet awhile.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTING ACCURACY By Best Ball

Giving attention to the two phases of the putting stroke listed above is one way of counteracting the two most prevalent faults on the green. In fact if one is putting way off form, it is well to check up on these two points, i.e., too short a backstroke or lifting the head before the ball is struck. Both lead to jerky, uneven hitting, exaggerating the error of stroking the ball too quickly.

The putting stroke should be smoothly accelerated, and a wide backstroke gives more leeway for such application. Such a stroke when assisted by keeping the head down, eyes on the ball, increases the chances of making a crisp, satisfying contact straight along the intended path.

Next Article:—Distance Impact.

LA SALLE FAVOURED FOR SCHOOL SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

ON THEIR showing on the first day of the Annual Inter-School Athletic Sports Meeting, at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, La Salle College have established themselves as strong favourites for the championship.

Present holders of the Governor's Cup, Wah Yan College, are considered to be one of the strongest challengers to La Salle College, while St. Stephen's College and King's College are also powerful.

Although all the times, heights and distances returned yesterday were on the low side, every event was keenly and closely contested, particularly the medley relay race and high jump.

Following are the competitors qualified for the Finals:—

100 Metres:—Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Chow Hon-shu (King's), Lai Chung-yu (Wah Yan), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan), Fong Hui-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tau (Queen's) and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

Long Jump:—Wong Ki-lim (King's), Chau King-cheung (St. Stephen's), Fung Shing-mo (St. Stephen's) and Cheng Kim-kwong (La Salle).

800 Metres:—N. Castro (La Salle), J. Xavier (La Salle), Cheung Kat-pui (Wah Yan), Lee Kai-luen (Wah Yan), K. Mohammed (Queen's) and J. Macauley (D.B.S.).

Pole-Vault:—Marcus Ng (La Salle), L. Remedios (La Salle), Hau Tam-yuan (St. Stephen's), Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's) and Kwan Wah-sang (St. Paul's).

200 Metres:—A. P. Silva (La Salle), A. Macauley (Queen's), Fong Hui-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chick-tau (Queen's), Law Chiu-to (King's), Wong Wing-keen (King's) and Chan Shu-kei (Wah Yan).

Shot-Put:—Ma Wai-fun (St. Stephen's), Ma Chang-ling (St. Stephen's), Woo Shai-cheung (Wah Yan) and Toi Kwok-fun (St. Paul's).

400 Metres:—B. Remedios (La Salle), N. Castro (La Salle), S. Hall (D.B.S.), J. Macauley (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan) and Wan Shau-tak (St. Paul's).

High Jump:—Marcus Ng (La Salle), A. Macauley (La Salle), Cheuk Ming-lee (Queen's), Leung Lai-yuen (St. Stephen's), Lim Hong-hong (D.B.S.) and A. Fong (St. Joseph's).

110 Metres High Hurdles:—Lam Chai-kow (St. Paul's), B. Pomeroy (La Salle), Wong Ki-lim (King's), Fung Shing-mo (St. Stephen's), Wan Sau-tak (St. Paul's) and Wan Ki-jing (Wah Yan).

Medley Relay Race (400, 200, 200, 400 Metres):—La Salle College "A", La Salle College "B", King's College, Wah Yan College, Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's College.

ARSENAL PLAYER KILLED

Jack Lambert, Arsenal centre-forward in two Cup Finals, has been killed in a road accident.

Lambert's development from a crude centre to a great goal-scorer was a tribute to Herbert Chapman, who had a genius for pulling the best out of a man.

Their association was later continued at Margate, where Lambert did so well that he practically made the Arsenal nursery.

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BERBERA'S RECAPTURE

Full Story Of Operation Told In Aden

"MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS" IN THE AIR

"Mysterious happenings are occurring in the air," writes the London correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "ABC."

He adds: "Whatever the British anti-aircraft devices may be, things have greatly changed and Londoners to-day are safer than ever in their shelters and houses." —Reuter.

HEAVY ATTACK ON TRIPOLI

A heavy attack was made by the R.A.F. on Tripoli harbour on Sunday night.

THE MOLE, SHIPS AND QUAYS WERE BOMBED AND LARGE FIRES STARTED IN HANGARS AND MILITARY STORES. WHILE EXPLOSIONS WERE SEEN IN THE RAILWAY DEPOT AND NEAR THE WIRELESS STATION.

An R.A.F. Cairo communique announcing this also states that

Four Men In A Boat

AN EPIC STORY OF THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, IS TOLD IN A CABLE RECEIVED FROM ADEN YESTERDAY.

At one point the success of the whole operation depended on four men in a boat stealing silently towards the Somaliland coast, while the outstanding impression left by the operation is the "unchangeable loyalty of the Somalis, whose territory had been usurped by the Italians."

About midnight on March 15/16, a liberating fleet, consisting of troopships, convoyed by warships, stole silently towards the coast.

Clouds scudded across the sky and occasionally allowed the moon to illuminate the flat shore with mountains beyond.

Previous aerial photographic operations gave the commanders of the expedition full knowledge of the terrain, and the assault was planned to force the Italians to divide their already depleted and demoralised forces.

Two Landings

Two landings were planned. The western landing was entrusted to picked Indian troops, with supporting Engineers and Artillery.

The R.A.F. continued its activity in the Keren (Eritrea) area. —Reuter.

while the eastern was to be carried out by Arabs and Somalis specially recruited in Aden under British officers.

The implicit faith of the Somalis in British ability to restore to them their land, impressed everyone at Aden.

Four men in a boat had the task of landing without disturbing the enemy and marking out a landing beach.

After an apparently interminable period of waiting a signal flashed the news of the successful accomplishment of this task.

Suddenly, at zero hour, a flash of thunder of naval gunfire shattered the quiet night as naval shells ripped through the air, exploding inland.

Use Of Force

It was later learned that although a large number of Italians left the town under cover of darkness shortly before the British approach, those who remained were sufficiently numerous to render the use of force necessary to crush them.

Away on the right the western landing force went into action and the way had been paved for the eastern force of Somalis and Arabs to land and advance towards the town two miles away.

Italian machine-guns and field-guns attempting to stem the assault were outclassed by the accuracy of the British naval fire, which was the more praiseworthy in view of the murky cloudy nature of the night.

The Somali-Arab force continued to advance and news came of the complete success of the major attack in the west.

Quickly Over

By 9.20 in the morning all was over: Berbera was again in British hands. Over 100 prisoners were taken while British casualties were negligible.

Even during the bombardment the inhabitants of Berbera came running to meet the British forces, waving Union Jacks and Somali flags which had been hidden from the Italians.

Pass Blown Up

The Italians had blown up a pass on the road to Sheikh but within a few hours of the reoccupation, transports of stores were being landed and British officers examined the forlorn and miserable Italian prisoners.

The major commanding them burst into tears when handing over his revolver.

"I AM AN OLD SOLDIER," HE SAID, THUS EPITOMISING THE GENERAL FEELING REGARDING THE DEGRADATION TO WHICH MUSSOLINI'S AFRICAN GAMBLE HAS LOST A ONCE FREE AND CULTURED PEOPLE. — REUTER.

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ITALIANS FIGHTING HARD TO SAVE KEREN

Heavy Casualties At Liverpool And Clydeside

Five hundred were killed and 500 seriously injured by German air raids on Merseyside on the two nights of March 12 and 13.

Combined casualties in the Clyde area on March 13 and 14 were approximately 500 killed and 800 seriously injured, says a Reuter despatch from London this morning.

WAR CABINET'S ATTENTION TO INVASION PERIL

THE UNITY AND determination of the British people to stand firm and carry on and win the war, was the theme of a broadcast speech by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, last night.

Mr. Morrison was urging people to read and study carefully a leaflet just issued by his Ministry, informing them what to do in case of an invasion.

CRUSHING ITALIAN DEFEAT

The crushing defeat sustained by the Italians when their seven-days' offensive on the Albanian front was hurled back, has forced them into inactivity, according to the Greek radio last night.

Only activity on Monday was by Greek patrols, said an official Greek statement broadcast from Athens.

The statement adds that the patrols were successful. Reliable information, it adds, shows that the Italians are attempting to reorganise their distressed formations but it is not at all certain that such a reorganisation will permit the enemy to risk another offensive.

Attacks Repulsed

Repeated Italian local attacks were repulsed with considerable losses by the Greeks yesterday, states a Greek communique quoted by Athens radio.

A successful manoeuvre in the Aros region resulted in 165 prisoners being taken. — Reuter.

LAKHIMPUR AIR ATTACKS WARNING

The District Commission of Lakhimpur (India) yesterday warned the people of Digbol and Tingukia to be ready for possible air attacks, says Reuter.

Invasion, Mr. Morrison said, was a vital subject, for though the blaze of war might leap from Europe to Africa or Asia, there could be no real Nazi victory unless it was won here—in and around this island.

"I am giving away no secrets," Mr. Morrison went on. "If I tell you that your Government and military chiefs have made plans for the defence of Britain on the basis of complete confidence that you will not let them down."

He emphasised the necessity of carrying on the country's work to the utmost capacity, and concluded with an exhortation to "stand firm. Carry on. Beat the invader." — Reuter.

WAR OF NERVES

The German Foreign Office spokesman is now refusing to answer questions about Germany's intentions towards Greece, writes the Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Ya."

SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE CORRESPONDENT ADDS, A BIG PRESS AND RADIO CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE IS GOING ON.

It is regarded in Berlin as a sign that the Greek situation is now in the hands of the military. Current reports in the German capital say that 300,000 British troops are in Greece. — Reuter.

Position Getting More Desperate

KEREN, WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF ITALIAN ERITREA AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE OF ITALIAN EAST AFRICA, NOW APPEARS TO BE IN AN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND ITALIAN SOURCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

Despatches from Khartoum, British communiques from Cairo and Nairobi and an Italian communique from Rome tell a story of heavy Italian losses in embittered counter-attacks against the beleaguering British and Imperial Army.

A British Army communique from Cairo yesterday also reported that pressure by Imperial and patriot forces in Abyssinia is being maintained successfully over a wide area against the retreating Italians.

British troops, it added, are extending the area of occupation in British Somaliland. From the north, British and French troops are pushing across a wilderness of ridges towards the road leading from Keren.

Battle Of Keren

Several heights, held by the Italians, still separate them from the road, which is ideal for defence.

The British have to assail positions which the Italians have had a month to prepare, and they are faced with greatly superior numbers, estimated at 30,000.

The Battle of Keren, therefore, is expected to last several days. — Reuter.

BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Two German bombers were intercepted and shot down into the sea off the coast of Britain yesterday.

TWO BRITISH FIGHTERS RETURNING WITH THEIR AMMUNITION EXHAUSTED WERE ATTACKED BY A NUMBER OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND SHOT DOWN. BOTH PILOTS ARE SAFE.

An Air Ministry communique adds there was a little air activity by small enemy forces round the coasts of Britain during the day and a few aircraft penetrated inland, but no bombs are reported to have been dropped. — Reuter.

Temperature of 105

Very severe fighting is proceeding on the Keren front in Eritrea in a temperature of 105 degrees, it was stated in Cairo yesterday.

Exact details yet are lacking but it is believed there has been hand-to-hand fighting in this mountain warfare.

The enemy is making determined counter-attacks but, according to the British military spokesman, all these have been held successfully.

Other operations on the East African frontier are proceeding satisfactorily.

Berbera Capture

The recapture of Berbera, it was stated, provided a supreme (Continued on Page 16)

AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE FRANCE

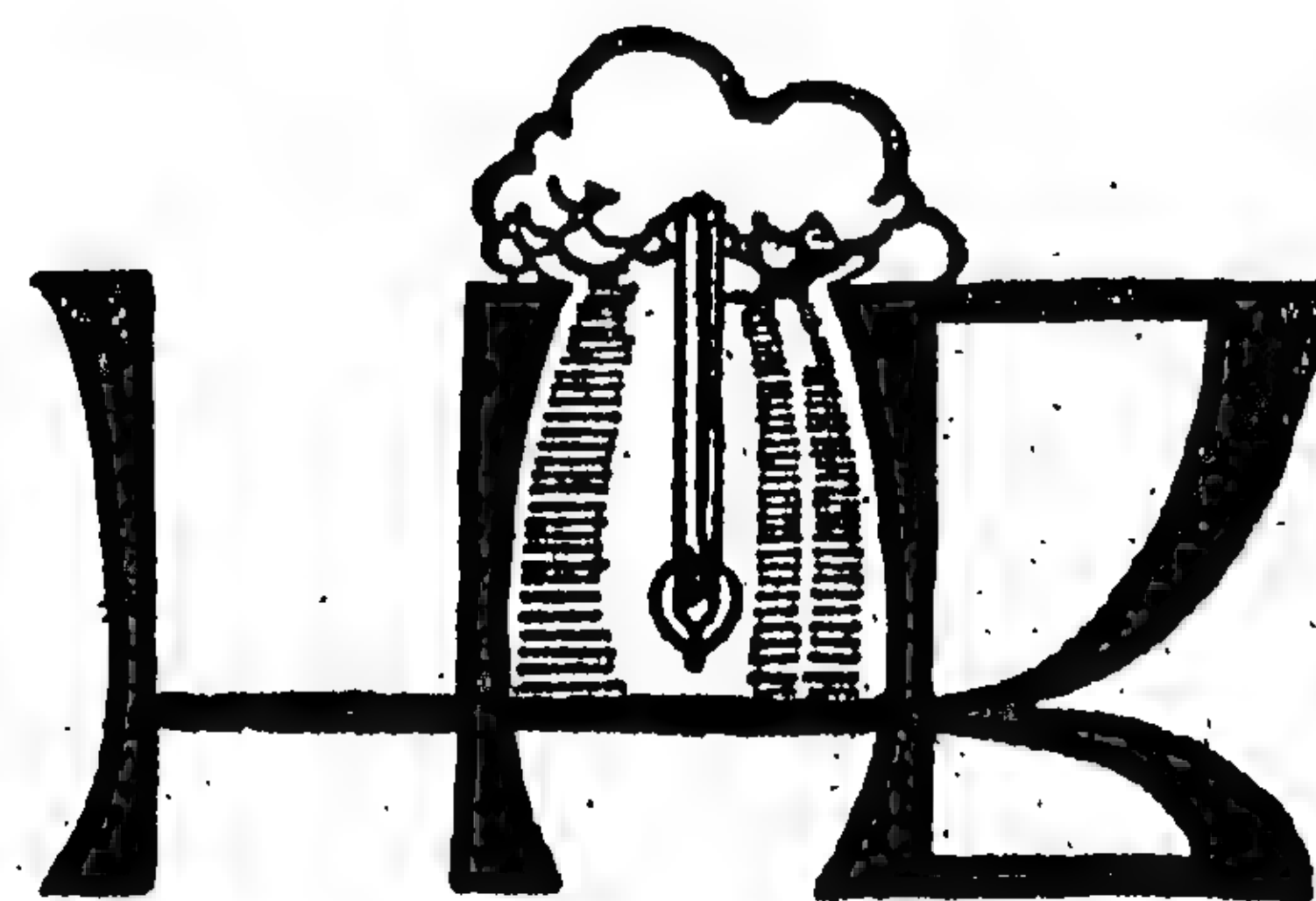
American citizens in unoccupied France have been asked by the United States Embassy to leave, according to a Paris despatch to the official German news agency.

The agency adds their permits will not be renewed. — Reuter.

VIOLENT JAPANESE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ANOTHER VIOLENT OUTBURST CAME OUT FROM THE TOKYO "NICHU NICHU" YESTERDAY IN AN ARTICLE COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH. THE "NICHU NICHU" WARNED THE UNITED STATES THAT JAPAN WOULD BE FORCED TO FOLLOW HITLER'S COURSE AND SINK ANY SHIPS CROSSING THE PACIFIC CARRYING ARMS TO CHUNGKING. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

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Swift Approval Of Huge Money Vote For Aid Sought

AMERICAN SQUADRON TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Mr. Fadden, acting Prime Minister of Australia, announced last night that the United States naval squadron of seven warships which has just visited New Zealand on a training cruise will arrive in Sydney to-morrow.

"Its visit," he said, "will give us a splendid opportunity to show how open-heartedly we can receive and entertain the representatives of a nation which, through its leader, has so plainly declared to the world that it is our friend in this war."

Parliament is adjourning until next Tuesday to enable Ministers and members to attend official functions being arranged in celebration of the visit.

THE SQUADRON, COMMANDED BY REAR-ADMIRAL NEWTON, WILL COMPRISE THE CRUISERS CHICAGO (FLAGSHIP) AND PORTLAND, THE FLOTILLA LEADER CLERK AND THE DESTROYERS CASIN, CONYNGHAM, FOWNES AND REID. THE SHIPS ARE AMONG THE MOST MODERN IN THE U.S. NAVY. REUTER

IF HITLER AND GOERING WENT

Answering the question, "Who really runs Germany?" Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," who has just returned to the United States, says there is only one man in Germany and on the Continent who counts—Hitler.

Inside Germany he is not anybody's "front," adds the correspondent. He is not anybody's puppet. He is not anybody's confederate. He is not anybody's ally. He is master of the mainland of Europe to-day, and if Britain is beaten he will be master of all western civilisation.

Wallace Deuel continues: The men around Hitler are only technical experts, extremely able ones, some of them, for all their outlandish manners and appearances, but only technical experts for all that.

Among these men around Hitler there is only one who is strong enough and able enough in his own right to govern Germany for any considerable length of time in anything like present circumstances—Goering.

Any number of men could govern Germany stabilised on its pre-war basis or anything like that basis. The die was cast the day the war began and now Germany will either become a world power, as Hitler himself wrote 10 years ago, or it will be prostrate for at least a generation. This does not necessarily mean, however, that if Hitler and Goering should disappear, Germany would break down within a matter of months. There is another possibility.

Realising they would have to hang together or hang separately, the secondary leaders of the Party might be able to agree among

"OR REPUTATION OF U.S.A. WILL SUFFER"

THE UNITED STATES House of Representatives yesterday began the debate on the \$7,000,000,000 Aid to Britain appropriation, and was confronted with a tersely worded warning from the Appropriations Committee that this huge appropriation must quickly be approved or the reputation of the United States among nations would suffer.

The note coincided with Mr. Churchill's reference in London yesterday to submarines and to Nazi battle-cruisers operating on the United States side of the Atlantic.

The note requested the House to approve the Bill with a single change. This is that any article procured under the Bill shall be retained by the United States Government at the President's discretion, instead of being sent to a foreign government, if this is considered necessary for United States defence.

The accidental revaluation of two items in the proposed aid expenditure was made during the debate.

During the course of the debate a Representative mentioned the purchase of \$50,000,000 worth of tobacco.

themselves on a compromise. Fuchrer, a man not strong enough or able enough to rule in his own right, but behind whom the warring leaders and factions could range themselves to maintain at least a semblance of outward unity.

If this should happen the compromise candidate would probably be Hess, who has the advantage of being Hitler's own designate as second in the line of succession. He shares with Ley control of the party machine.

He is liked and respected as few other leading Nazis could ever hope to be. He has fewer powerful and bitter enemies within the party than most Nazis of importance.

How long such a compromise solution would last is anybody's guess. It would probably last some time, barring military catastrophe, but would tend from the start to break up of its own inner conflicts and contradictions.

It is extremely difficult to see how any other man or group of men could take over Germany and run it in anything like present circumstances. Least of all can any effective political initiative be expected from the generals.

Loyalty To Regime

The officer corps probably would be able to step in and take over Germany if the Nazis should be destroyed by some other means, but it will not undertake any serious action to destroy the Nazis itself. In the first place, the loyalty of most of the generals to the regime is adequate, even if not wildly enthusiastic.

But even apart from that the generals are absolutely dominated by Hitler and the party, whether they believe in it or not.

Even in military matters the generals defer to Hitler and the party.

CONGRATULATIONS TO INDIAN TROOPS

The Indian Princes Chamber yesterday recorded the heartiest gratification over the victories in Albania and Africa and pride in the magnificent part of the Indian troops.

They assured of their determination to continue their best efforts for victory. —Reuter.

Money for this purpose will come from an allocation of 1.35 billion dollars earmarked for agricultural and other commodities.

Further Items

It is understood a list of further items exists but President Roosevelt does not wish to make it public.

As the information given above was revealed accidentally, it is not being suppressed but it will be struck off the House of Representatives' records. Reuter.

SECRET HEARING WAR FIGURES REVEALED

EVIDENCE GIVEN by the United States Defence Chief at last week's secret hearings before the National Defence Committee was released in Washington yesterday, as the House of Representatives began to debate on the British aid appropriations.

The statement of the Director-General of Defence, Mr. William Knudsen, showed that Britain financed 61 manufacturing plants out of 784 available or in preparation for the production of defence materials.

The statement of the Budget-Director gave a comprehensive view of Britain's war expenditure in the United States.

The total existing British orders, says Mr. Smith's statement, aggregate 2.7 billion dollars.

Payment of 1.68 billion dollars had been made.

All goods delivered to Britain have been paid for and usually a 25 per cent. deposit was paid in cash with the order.

The remaining liabilities will be met from Britain's existing dollar resources.

No Further Commitments

The statement says that the British Government has not adequate funds to meet additional commitments but none have been proposed.

The United States seven billion dollars British aid appropriation would be used to pay for orders placed by Britain before the passage of the Lend-Lease Bill.

At the beginning of the current year British holdings included 610 million dollars in marketable securities and nine

billion dollars in less easily marketable investments.

Nominal Value

The nominal value of United Kingdom investments in Canada was two billion dollars and in South America 3.5 billion dollars. The market value, said Mr. Smith, was much less than the nominal value.

Also, at the beginning of the current year, Britain held 292 million dollars and sold 54 million dollars of the official dollar balances, and 305 million dollars of private balances.

Britain had given capital assistance totalling 171 million dollars to United States defence plants in connection with orders for planes.

Empire Expenditure

The monthly war expenditure of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and the United Kingdom was 1.75 billion dollars, of which the United Kingdom accounted for 1.5 billions.

During the current fiscal year Canada was expected to spend 1.4 billion dollars in the direct war effort. —Reuter.

AMBUSH ON N.W. FRONTIER

One Indian officer and one Indian other rank were killed and one British officer and two Indian other ranks wounded when a staff car was ambushed on the Bannu-Mirali road, says Reuter from New Delhi.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

President Roosevelt revealed yesterday that he has asked the Public Health Service to prepare a list of foods, including vitamins, needed by Britain and the other Democracies.

Most of the food to be furnished, he said, would be sent to Britain, but the other Democracies were involved and also Spain.

The President added that the Red Cross was completing arrangements for two cargoes of food to be sent to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

"SARAH SIMPLE"

Antidote To War Worries

The gay inconsequence of "Sarah Simple" is an admirable antidote to war worries and grass-widower broodings, and the keen appreciation of the large audience at last night's dress rehearsal augurs happily for the full success of the new A.D.C. production.

The author's conception is light and airy and in the hands of the A.D.C. these qualities are carefully preserved. In fact, A.A. Milne's whimsical style of humour has seldom been given better effect.

The acting honours are shared equally by Sheila Mackinlay and Claude Burgess. Sheila Mackinlay improves at every appearance and those who have had the pleasure of seeing her in earlier A.D.C. shows will not fail to comment upon her versatility.

Mr. Burgess's rendering of a husband with his head in the clouds provoked continuous laughter.

Day Sage as Marianne handled an unsympathetic part with confidence and competence, and one of the high spots of the entertainment was William Kirby's interpretation of the waiter, a role which might easily have passed without remark.

The producer's name seems to have been kept a secret, but he deserves a full share of the bouquets. — C.

FRENCH DESTROYER IN RESCUE

A Free French destroyer operating in British waters recently rescued the crew of a British merchant steamer torpedoed by a German submarine.

A communique issued last night by Free French Headquarters in London states that the captain and crew of the British ship praised their French comrades and stressed that they displayed magnificent courage during the rescue operations and offered most generous hospitality aboard the French warship. —Reuter.

CARNARVON BUILDING ROBBERY

Mr. W. J. Fulker, Deputy Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon and New Territories, has reported the theft of jewellery and money from his residence, No. 9, Carnarvon Building, during Monday night.

NOTICE

AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. H. E. PISSAREVSKY, THE OFFICE OF DODGE & SEYMOUR, LTD., WILL BE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON.

EUROPE'S UNITED STATES

Britain's Programme For A New Order

Different From Nazi Conceptions

ALF AHLBERG, writing in the "Dagens Nyheter" of Stockholm, examines Britain's plans for Europe after the war with the sub-heading "Europe's United States."

The writer declares that Britain also is fighting for a New Order in Europe and that although nothing has yet been definitely stated, it is clear that the British desire to see Europe united as a federation of States under a super-national organisation.

The historical pattern for this is the United States.

After the last war the European nations tried to form a union but without sacrificing the smallest part of their sovereignty. Furthermore the League of Nations had no armed forces of its own. The League was a group of loosely linked states. This system can no longer work because a sovereign State in a modern world is fiction.

Everything is interdependent and the only choice now is between chaos or organised union under super-national control. Those are the broad outlines of the Anglo-Saxon aim although details are still subject to discussion between H. G. Wells, Clarence Street, Harold Nicolson, and others.

No Small Matter

Kurt Andersen, writing in the "Social-Demokraten," examines the Peace and Lord Law, declaring that Roosevelt's Bill was no small matter. It was expected that the Bill would be badly mutilated before being approved but that was not the case and the majority was substantially big. Having signed the Bill, President Roosevelt has ended to take action under the new powers. American measures show that there can be no more talk of blitzkrieg.

Naval Aid

The Axis Powers for a long time belittled American help, but recently the "Messaggero" has frankly admitted the importance of American help.

The German press has not openly expressed an opinion so far, but it is admitted in Berlin that American help may lengthen the war—clearly they expect it to reach England, otherwise the war would not be lengthened.

American naval circles are now discussing giving Britain greater naval help. The Axis Powers have a new enemy with vast economic and industrial resources.—Reuter.

HEAVY ATTACK ON TRIPOLI

A heavy attack was made by the R.A.F. on Tripoli harbour on Sunday night.

THE MOLE, SHIPS AND QUAYS WERE BOMBED AND LARGE FIRES STARTED IN HANGARS AND MILITARY STORES, WHILE EXPLOSIONS WERE SEEN IN THE RAILWAY DEPOT AND NEAR THE WIRELESS STATION.

An R.A.F. Cairo communique announcing this also states that the R.A.F. continued its activity in the Keren (Eritrea) area.—Reuter.

MR. GANDHI'S AIDE ARRESTED

Mr. Gandhi's secretary, recently released from goal is reported to have been arrested yesterday under the Defence of India Rules, says a Reuter message from New Delhi.

ACCIDENTAL BOMBING IN YUGOSLAVIA

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GERMAN VESSEL TORPEDOED

Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel on Monday night off the Frisian Islands, it was officially announced in London yesterday.—Reuter.

The German supply ship formed part of a convoy picked up by a reconnaissance bomber.

The pilot attacked the largest vessel from close range and his torpedo struck on the port beam. A heavy explosion from the ship was followed by flames, and debris was flung in the air.

The vessel sank rapidly by the bows and was stern up when the bomber flew away after machine-gunning all other ships in the convoy.—British Wireless.

GERMANY HESITATES

Diplomatic action is proceeding with the object of reaching an understanding between Germany and Turkey, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Allehanda."

The correspondent adds it is generally believed that Germany is hesitating to take action against Greece pending greater certainty as to Turkey's attitude.

Authoritative circles in Berlin, he states, refuse to express an opinion as to whether President Hindenburg's reply to Hitler is considered satisfactory or otherwise.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI GIFT TO DISTRESS FUND

The sum of £1,000 from the Central British War Fund in Shanghai, among contributions received in London yesterday, makes the total of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund £2,286,000.—Reuter.

PILOTS OF EAGLE SQUADRON EAGER FOR ACTION

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent At An R.A.F. Fighter Station)

PILOTS, ANXIOUS TO debunk a quip that they are the glamour boys of the R.A.F. and whose sole desire is to make their squadron one of which Britain and America will be proud, form the personnel of the American Eagle Squadron which I visited yesterday.

No Nazi 'plane came their way while I was there. The enemy no longer takes up all their time over Britain and the squadron have yet to bring down their first victim as a squadron.

Recruits are coming in fast enough to form a second Eagle Squadron and are now completing operation training in England.

The squadron's tale of impatient longing to get at the enemy, is now the cry of many hundreds of veteran British and Allied fighter pilots, whose ranks these young Americans have joined.

The Hurricanes with which they are equipped will help the

American Eagles, to play their part in operations which will no longer be confined to metropolitan defence, for the enemy must now be sought more often far out to sea, and, quite often beyond the Continental coastline.

The squadron will operate in exactly the same way as other fighter squadrons of the R.A.F. And great things are expected from this very shy but determined band of America's first war pilots.—Reuter.

RECORD BRITISH AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

More aircraft, both bombers and fighters, were produced in Britain during the short month of February than in any previous month during the war.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.—Reuter.

R.A.F. AGAIN RAIDS BREMEN

Numerous explosions and fires were observed in dock and industrial areas at Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Monday night.

THE AIR MINISTRY ALSO STATES THAT A LARGE FIRE WAS STARTED IN PETROL STORAGE TANKS AT ROTTERDAM, AND A SINGLE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED EMDEN-OLDENBURG.

One enemy night fighter was shot down in flames during these operations.

No British aircraft is missing from all these operations.—Reuter.

DONOVAN BACK FROM TOUR

COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE," ARRIVED IN NEW YORK BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTER A 28,000-MILE TOUR OF THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN WAR ZONES.

Col. Donovan said he obtained information which he was hopeful would be "of value to the United States in the preparation of her own defences."—Reuter.

DEATH OF A CHILD

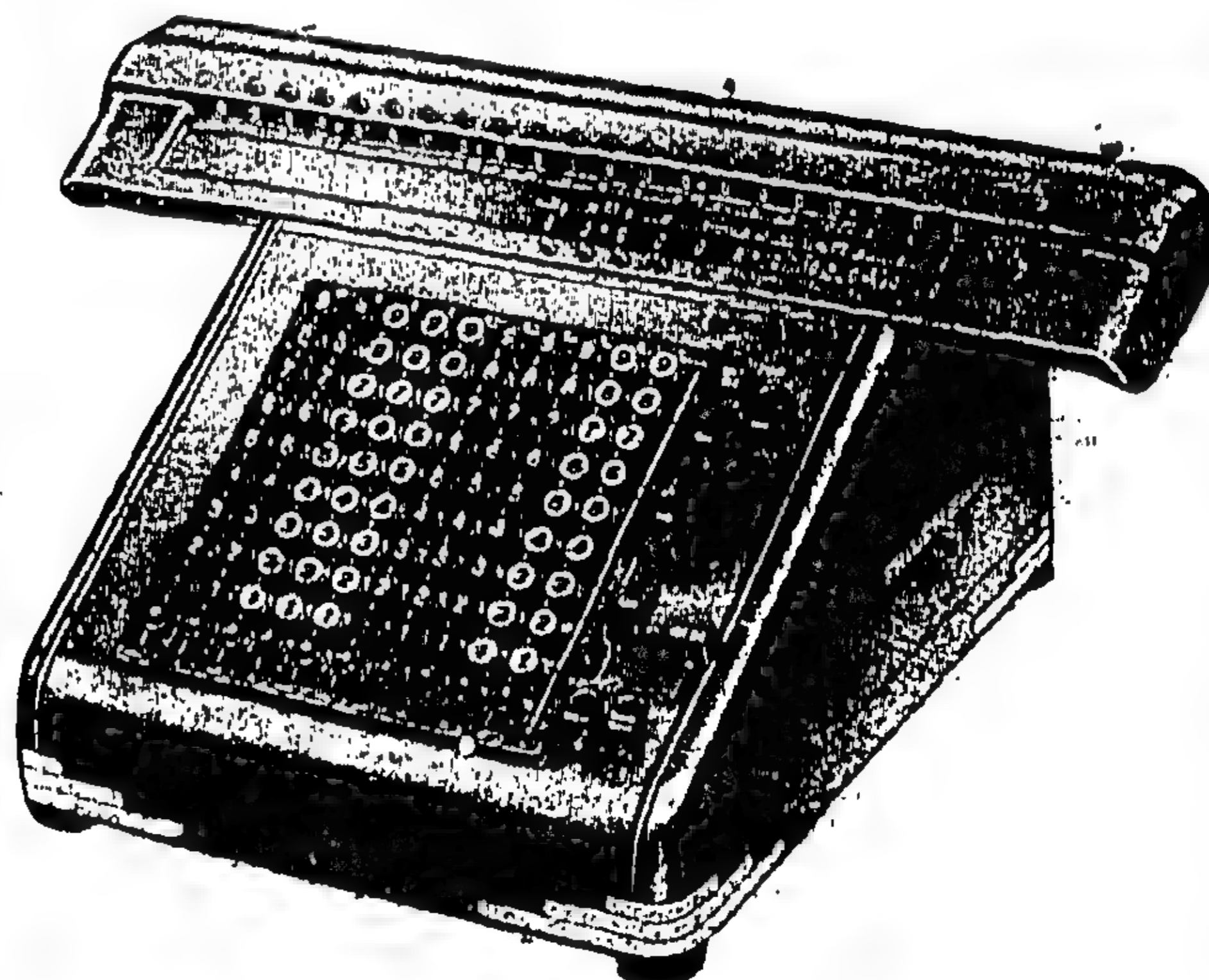
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THAILAND ENTHUSES OVER PEACE TERMS

OFFICIAL COMMENTS in Bangkok unanimously hail the peace terms with Indo-China as a success for Thailand and emphasise Thailand's gratitude to Japan, though a section of the press hints that Thailand expected something better.

The Premier, Luang Pibula Songgram, appealing to the public to celebrate the "successful conclusion" of the Tokyo conference, says Japan untiringly executed her task with efficiency, thoroughness and a strict maintenance of justice for the sake of peace in this part of the world.

He added: "When someone does us a good deed we for ever appreciate and cherish it in our memory."

A Thailand Foreign Ministry communique declares that Japanese mediation brought Thailand a square deal.

The "Bangkok Chronicle," Thai-owned daily in English, says that though it may be felt the territorial gains are slightly below expectations, this is an occasion for national rejoicing. The vernacular "Prajant" says France ceded only a small portion of the territory lost to her by Thailand but Thailand is thankful to Japan for her mediation.

Prestige Restored

The "Supab Bureas" says Thailand's prestige has been restored in the eyes of European nations.

The "Thai Mail" says the treaty is satisfactory. Japan is the most powerful nation in the East and she can protect all other Eastern nations against aggression. "She is always our best friend."

Meanwhile the Premier visited the Japanese Minister, Mr. Futma, yesterday afternoon and thanked Japan.

This was the first time the Premier had called at the Japanese Legation since assuming office over two years ago. — Reuter.

MAKING POLAND GERMAN

People Degraded To A Lower Class

The following message has been sent to his paper in Helsinki, Finland, by Bertil Svthnstrom, Berlin Correspondent of the "Hufvutstadsbladet."

Poznan, in Poland, is to-day a town with an exterior German facade on a Polish body. Gauleiter Greiser is endeavouring with an iron fist to change Poznan into a German town "for ever."

No compromise whatever will be allowed. The chief city of the Warthegau is to become the centre of Germany's colonisation in Poland.

In August, 1939, just before the outbreak of war, Poznan had only 10,000 German inhabitants out of a population of 300,000. Foreigners could use the English or French languages.

In Poznan to-day French is spoken only by French prisoners of war employed in clearing the streets of snow.

Ruling Factor

Asked why war prisoners were sent to Poland when there was no shortage of labour locally, a German official spokesman replied: "In every town and village of the Warthegau we keep a large number of French and British war prisoners because we want to show the Poles what their saviours really look like."

The number of Germans has risen in Poznan to 60,000. To-day they are the decisive and ruling factor.

Poles have been degraded to a lower class. Representatives of the Polish intellectual classes have disappeared to the last man.

Leading officials are German, but the minor officials are all Poles. Bus conductors are Poles. In shops and offices the managing personnel is German, the assistant personnel Polish.

The Nazi authorities will not allow German blood to mix with Polish blood. By depriving the Poles of Polish schools and books, they intend to force on the Polish working classes the German language.

The wages of the working classes are without a fixed standard.

ANXIETY LED TO DEATH CLIMB

Anxiety over a book which he was about to publish, it was suggested at a Cambridge inquest, led to a Cambridge University lecturer climbing an electricity pylon to electrocute himself. The pylon carried 33,000 volts.

He was Jeffrey Garrett Sikes, 38, the Guest House, West Road, Cambridge. He was found at the base of the pylon with burns, and also with fractures that suggested a fall from a considerable height.

Bernard Lord Manning, senior tutor at Jesus College, said that Sikes, an exceptionally conscientious scholar, had been very upset over an important historical work he was about to publish.

In recording a verdict that Sikes killed himself by electrocution while the balance of his mind was disturbed, the Coroner, Mr. W. R. Wallis, said that he did not know how Sikes managed to get up the pylon.

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NEW INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS

The Government of India spokesman yesterday announced that Indian trade commissioners are shortly being appointed to Canada and South America.

Sir F. E. James suggested in the Assembly that the appointment of representatives in Burma and Malaya would not be overlooked. — Reuter.

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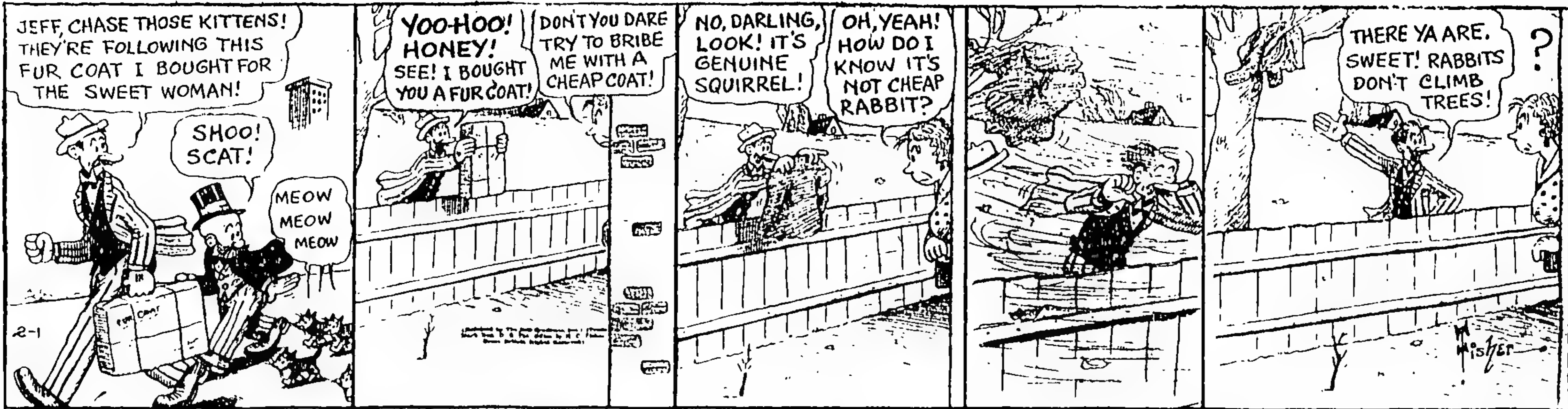
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DETECTIVES FOR AIR MINISTRY

A SPECIAL DETECTIVE FORCE IS BEING ESTABLISHED AT THE AIR MINISTRY TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRIES AFFECTING THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has released from the force a number of senior detectives to form the framework of the new department. They are all men with specialised knowledge in various forms of criminal investigation.

The activities of the department will cover the whole of England. It is to be modelled on similar lines to that of the Special Branch at Scotland Yard.

An ex-sheep constable, two chief inspectors, and a number of detective inspectors have already joined the department. They have been appointed. Eight lieutenants in the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

The King Names A Boy Hero, 11

A SCHOOLBOY, aged eleven, will ever be remembered and honoured by those who go down to the sea in ships, wresting their living from a cruel taskmaster and gaining glory on its perilous depths.

His name appeared in the "London Gazette" -- a commendation for brave conduct when his ship encountered enemy submarine. It was published there by order of the King.

Edward Colin Ryder Richardson, stated the notice -- passenger, steamship City of Benares.

The same page recorded the award of the Medal of the O.B.E. to Miss Mary Alice Clara Cornish, children's escort of the same ship, when she was torpedoed in an Atlantic hurricane last September.

Where "London Gazette" was silent about the story of Edward's heroism the ship's carpenter was eloquent.

"His spirit never went down," the carpenter said at the time. "His cheery little voice could

always be heard above the moaning of passengers.

Her Great Endurance

"When a nurse in a lifeboat cried that she was dying Edward held her head in his lap and told her that rescue ships were coming.

Gently the boy stroked the poor woman's face and gradually his faith in rescue was transmitted to her and she became calm.

And the rescue ships came. Edward is the son of a London barrister, Mr. E. Ryder Richardson, and had been a pupil at Coptthorne School, Sussex.

Miss Cornish, forty-one, music teacher took charge of a boatload of children which tossed for eight days on the stormy waters.

"While the party was at sea," stated "London Gazette," "Miss Cornish devoted herself to the task of saving her young charges, massaging the children to preserve circulation, encouraging them in simple exercises, inventing cheerful games and arranging a daily health routine.

"She showed great endurance with an entire disregard for self."

Defied Bombs

Company Sergeant-Major James McDonald, of the Green Howards, has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallant conduct in action with the enemy.

When the enemy dive-bombed Dover harbour on July 29 a sand-bag emplacement received a direct hit. Two men were buried.

Through blinding and acrid fumes and with bombs still falling, McDonald led a rescue party and himself dug out the two men.

FIRE WATCHER ON ARSON CHARGE

A fire watcher at B.B.C. offices in Bristol, who was alleged to have scattered paraffin about the premises and set fire to them, was at Bristol committed for trial charged with arson.

He was George Edward Young, aged 20, Haig Close, Westbury-lane, Bristol, and he was stated to have told the police that he was "fed up." Damage estimated at more than £1,500 was done to an office where music manuscripts were stored.

Young asked a police officer during evidence whether it appeared that there had been any attempt to put out the fire. The officer agreed that there were some empty buckets about. Young was allowed bail.

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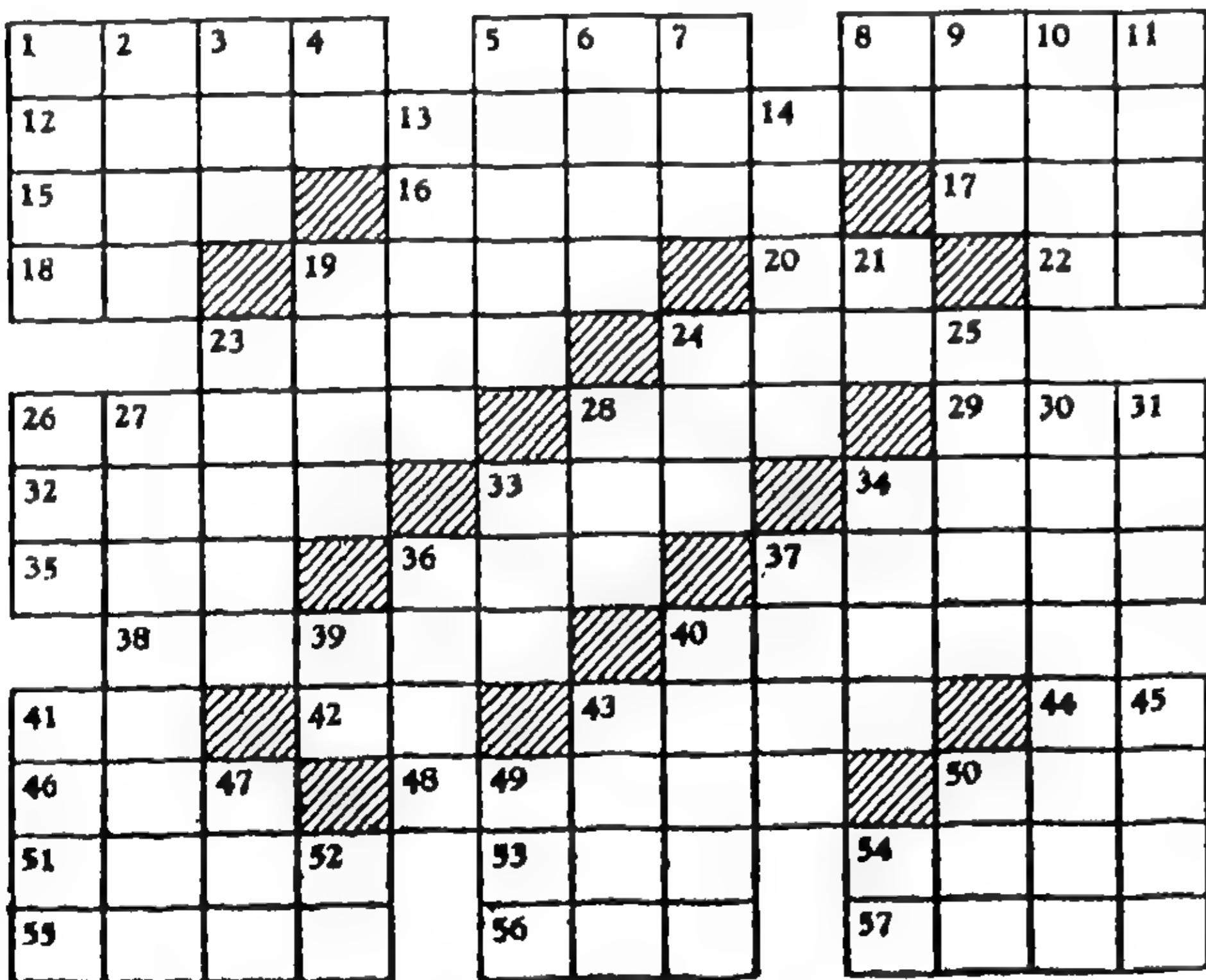
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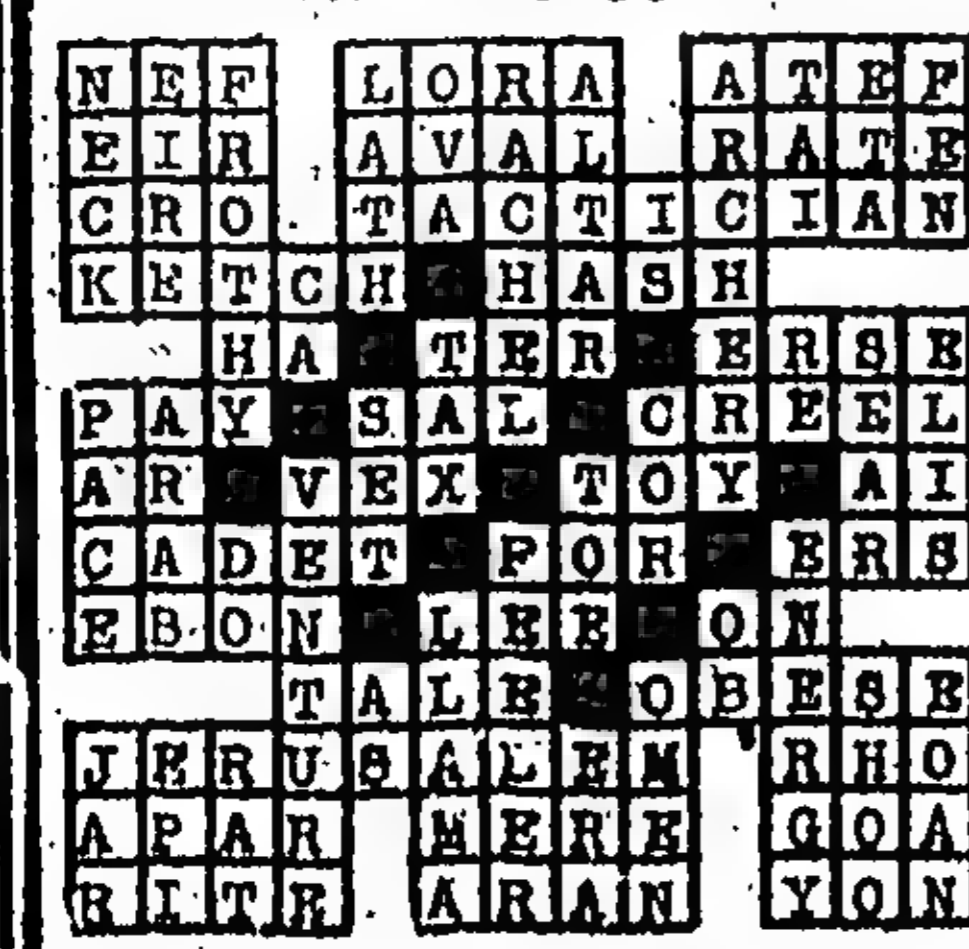
HORIZONTAL

- Plane surface
- Confusion
- Peruvian Indian
- Apparent enlargement of an object by an optical instrument
- Indo-Chinese tree
- Thong
- Weight
- Symbol for sodium
- To the sheltered side
- Pronoun
- Colloquial: father
- Winged
- Discovery
- Billiard shot
- To spread for drying
- Former Turkish title
- To incite
- Price
- At all
- Prefix: in favour of
- To hasten
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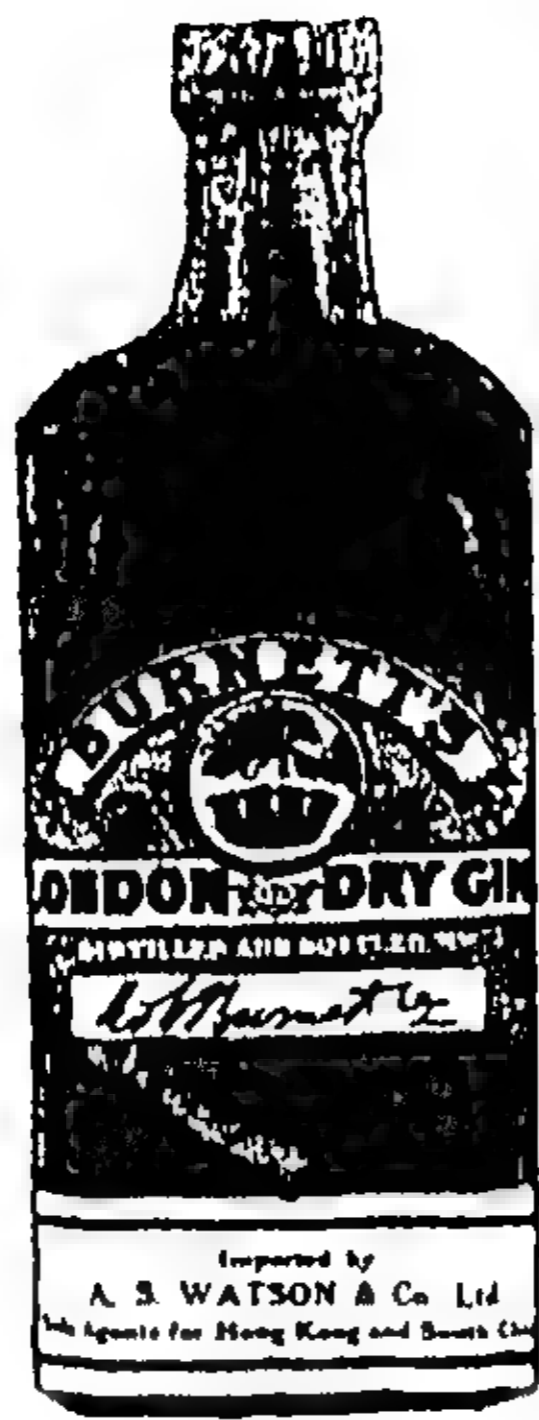


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- Printer's measure
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- Container
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- Liberal
- Part of "to be"
- Evergreen tree
- Goddess of discord
- Pronoun
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U.S. AMBASSADOR ON THE DEFENCE OF FREEDOM'S FRONTIER

MR. JOHN WINANT, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, speaking at the Pilgrims' Society luncheon in London yesterday, stressed that the policies upon which to-day the peoples of the United States and Britain were being drawn together in face of the common peril were policies to which the American people as a whole had solemnly committed themselves.

It was this great public in the United States, in factories, shipyards and farms, who would build arsenals and granaries for Democracy's defence and provide arms for those everywhere who with their lives were defending freedom's frontiers.

Freedom was not the cause of any one nation or group of nations. It was the cause of all men everywhere. Its history was the history of civilisation to which all nations—not excepting those now enthralled by the dictators—had made their notable contributions in the past.

Every Tenet

But never in any struggle between barbarism and civilisation had so much been at stake. Nazism had called into question every tenet in the faith of civilised man. The world had known tyranny before but never a tyranny more cruel and absolute or as relentlessly organised.

For Nazism had stolen and run amok with great inventions of free and inquiring minds and had set about using them not to liberate but to enslave the human spirit.

In the struggle against the Nazis the people of Britain held the front line but it did not stand alone. The Dominions and Colonies were mustering their forces. America, as President Roosevelt said last Saturday night, "has gone into action."

It was mobilising with ever-growing speed its tremendous resources to make available the sinews of war.

On every continent and in every country, wherever there were men and women who valued freedom, Britain had friends and allies.

Britain's Victory

Even to-day throughout Europe there were legions who yearned for Britain's victory which meant freedom for them as well.

The great mass of common men the world over, Mr. Winant declared, were not deceived by the Nazis' talk of a new order. They realised there was no order or security in tyranny.

They wanted what the British people wanted. They wanted what the American people wanted. They wanted a friendly civilised world of free peoples.

They knew that the peoples of the world were never and were not now destined for subjugation to the will of others and that there was no people or race charged with responsibility or endowed with ability to dominate the world. They had not lost faith in individual liberty and the democratic way of life.

They were not content to be deprived of those freedoms which they knew to be essential to the welfare of man and they knew those freedoms could be won only by a British victory.

Fear The Cause

Commenting on the fact that the growing interdependence of nations, which should have led to cooperation and harmony, instead now witnessed civilisation at the edge of catastrophe, the Ambassador analysed fear as the cause.

In an interdependent world men must cooperate or dominate or perish. Cooperation called for courage. Fear that their neighbours

might seek to dominate them blinded men to their true interests and, taking counsel from fear and not from courage, they sought first to dominate their neighbours.

Dictators and demagogues exploited those fears, not to give freedom but to enslave. Such fears could be overcome only in the cooperation of free nations.

New Spirit Abroad

He ended: "The road ahead is hard. Lost years are gone. A new spirit is abroad. Free peoples are again cooperating to win a free world and no tyranny can frustrate their hopes."

Those who now suffer and die in this effort do so for the common good of the free peoples of the earth who shall follow after them and who, with the help of God, shall build from these sacrifices a citadel of freedom so strong that force may never again seek its destruction."—British Wireless.

OLD MEN AS FIRE GUARDS

If a fireman leaves his post for five minutes to refresh himself with a cup of coffee or a glass of beer, he can be sent to prison.

But if a big firm employs an old-age pensioner, who may hobble about on crutches, who may be mentally only half-alert, and who may be for other reasons not a very suitable person to guard a building from the German fire-bombs, no legal action can be taken against anyone.

Such is the extraordinary position of the law at the moment.

The inducement offered to men by a number of factory and commercial managements to take on jobs of firewatching is so lamentably small that the only persons likely to accept them are the halt, lame or the nearly blind.

Less than £2 a week for all-night duty is a wage that has been advertised in Manchester.

Compensation Urged

From a number of men who would be ready to act as fire-watchers in the nation's interest, a reporter obtained views which challenge the Government to compel firms to provide not only reasonable wages but adequate compensation in the event of injury or death.

One of the most extraordinary flaws in the framework of the Fire-Watchers' Act as it is called, is that the owner of a warehouse which is under a certain size is not compelled to have a watcher, neither is a building which is not used normally by more than thirty persons.

But such a warehouse or building might be next door to a large factory or munition works, and a fire in such a place could be a menace to the important buildings before it was even noticed.

GERMAN AIRMEN'S BOAST

Messages from a neutral source in Rome quote German pilots sight-seeing in the Italian capital as having said that they will take Malta within two weeks.

They admit heavy losses, however, in their efforts in the Mediterranean and say their two best dive-bombing pilots are dead.

SECRET PAPERS SCANDAL

**M. P. Cites Loss Of
21 Documents**

The need for drastic action to prevent the loss of official documents is emphasised by the latest case of this nature.

A secret document of the utmost importance has been lost in the West End of London. It is believed to have been stolen from a car belonging to an officer who left the vehicle unattended for a long time.

The frequency of such losses is to be the subject of a question in the House of Commons. Mr. C. G. Ammon, Labour Member for North Camberwell, is to ask the Secretary for War:

In how many of the 21 instances were the papers, appertaining to his Department, which were left in taximeter cabs and other public vehicles, recovered; and

What was the nature of the disciplinary measures meted out to the persons responsible for such negligence?

Carelessness Record

The 21 losses which Mr. Ammon attributes to those under the control of the War Office by no means exhausts the roll of official carelessness. Other property reported as having disappeared during the war includes:

Documents relating to the R.A.F., Woolwich Arsenal and the B.B.C.;

Passes to military camps, aerodromes, Royal palaces and Government buildings;

Rifles, a Bren gun, and R.A.F. uniforms.

One estimate has put the percentage of losses due to carelessness at 70. While it is agreed that casual thieves are largely to blame, the possibility of espionage remains. Drastic action against blameworthy losers may be taken.

DESPATCH RIDER IN ACCIDENT

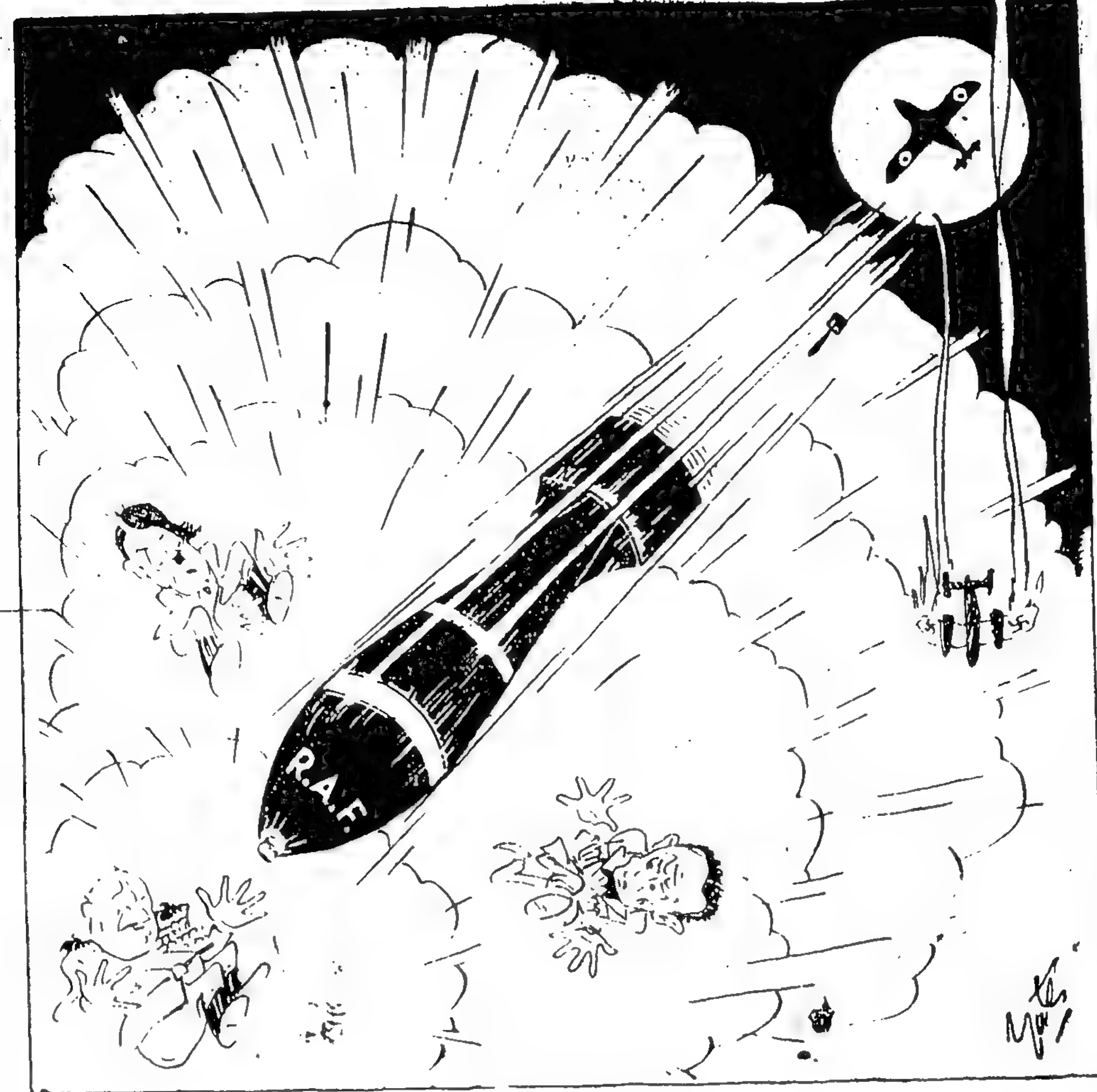
A 70-year-old Chinese was accidentally knocked down by a military motor-cycle yesterday in King Edward Road and admitted to hospital. The cycle was driven by a soldier of the Middlesex Regiment.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

AMERICA AND THE SEA WAR

Hitler so regularly uses words to mask his real purposes that it would not be safe to draw the conclusion, from his recent speeches, that the great German offensive of this Spring is to be primarily a sea and not a land war. But of one thing we may be certain. Whether or not he tries to invade England, whether or not he launches a campaign in the Mediterranean, even if he embarks upon both these adventures simultaneously, he will in any case enormously intensify his war against Britain on the sea. He will do this because the whole British effort to resist him and defeat him is dependent upon keeping open the lines of communication for indispensable supplies. There is no reason to doubt Hitler's assurance that this has been a busy Winter in the German shipyards; that "new types" of submarines have been developed; that efficient crews have been trained to man them. With the whole coast of Europe from Narvik to Bordeaux in German hands, with French ports far out in the Atlantic itself available as bases for operations, we are sure to see this Spring the greatest mass attack on British shipping that Germany has ever undertaken.

The threat of that attack is a challenge to America as well as to Britain. It has been repeated in Berlin since the adoption of the lease-lend bill. Through that measure it is possible for the President to transfer to British command, swiftly and without dubious interpretation of existing law, destroyers which the British may need desperately in order to cope with Germany's new submarines. At the same time, there are other steps that are to be taken. All necessary priorities — precedence over everything but long-range bombers, which can be delivered under their own momentum — are to be given the new programme of merchant-shipbuilding which Congress has already authorised. America is also considering whether she can afford to continue to permit merchant ships already built to fritter away their usefulness carrying luxury goods, whether the



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Propaganda Pattern

Imagine that finest flower of modern propaganda — a Nazi mass-meeting, held any time before the outbreak of the present war. The vast hall, impressively draped and lit; the expectant crowds, worked into a state of hysteria by a couple of hours of martial music and community-singing; the bands of uniformed, marching youths carrying banners; the great climax of that breathless moment when the lights dim, and a blazing spot-light picks out the lonely figure of the Fuehrer, stepping from behind black curtains

time has not come for the American Government to take over these ships, with fair compensation to their present owners, and place them under British registry.

Hitler boasted on Monday that he still has power to strangle Britain.

It is, however, already being hinted in Washington that the United States, producing guns and shells and tanks and planes for Britain, do not intend to make these finely finished weapons only to have them sunk in the Atlantic Ocean. The most significant omission from the President's speech was absence of the phrase "all aid short of war." The fact is America is in it. By one means or another the supplies will reach England.

like a priest from the outer darkness; the last ecstasy when the receptive mass is swept away by his fierce oratory into an orgy of hatred against all who have "betrayed Germany."

Analyse this performance into its ingredients, and it will be found that success is due to three conditions. The speaker succeeds, first, because his audience wants to

By Dr. David Thomson

hear the things he tells them. They want to hear that Germany was not defeated in battle; that her suffering and humiliation are due not to any failures of her own, but to the treachery of Jews, Communists, Pacifists and Democrats. They are skilfully worked into a receptive and sympathetic mood and their "sales-resistance" is lowered by mass-emotion and exhaustion.

He succeeds, secondly, because all elements of criticism and all differences of opinion are carefully excluded. There is only one impression — unanimity and common devotion to the movement; only one ideal, power. The parades and organised applause are designed to create an effect of overwhelming and irresistible power. And physical force is always there in the background, ready to eject anyone who dares to interrupt.

He succeeds, thirdly, because he can appeal to facts and achieve-

ments, to actions that speak louder than words, and which seem to endorse his claims. He can point to the successful rearmament of Germany, the remilitarisation of the Rhineland, the Anschluss with Austria, the occupation of Czechoslovakia. These facts confirm the claim of invincibility.

These three conditions, in short, are the necessary basis for all effective propaganda; friendliness, force and facts. All propaganda must build upon one or more of these conditions, if it is to serve a political purpose. The power of the dictators has been established by a skilful combination of all three. But war has brought a fundamental change in this basis of their power. The aim of British policy must be to intensify this change.

Consider a Nazi mass-meeting held in Germany now. None of these essential conditions is present. The orator cannot tell his audience what they want to hear; for they want to hear that the promised Blitzkrieg has succeeded, and that they need no longer fear a winter of hardship, poverty and death. He can tell them again of the defeat of France and of German domination in Europe. But that will cause them only to ponder wistfully how intangible are the benefits that have so far accrued to Germany from these conquests. He cannot tell them that bombing will stop. He must call for further patience and greater sacrifices.

Nor is there the same impression of invincible force. A hostile counter-force has intruded; one which is even capable of planting a bomb on the Munich beer-house itself. There are dissentient voices — on the radio, for those who are brave enough to listen; and occasional leaflets are reminders that even the power of the Nazis is not absolute.

Likewise there are now other, less congenial facts, which cannot be forgotten and which spoil the old pattern. There are the black-

out, the air-raid shelter, iron rations, periodic bombing. Above all, there are brothers and sons killed, or taken prisoner, or at the best exiled in remote and unfriendly countries, in the vast, sprawling army of occupation. In the first year of war the best piece of British propaganda in Germany was the fact that there was a war at all, for the Nazis were invincible so long as they could "deliver the goods" without the cost of war. The best piece of British propaganda now is the fact that the war is still going on, for this raises inexorably the question, "Is it all worth while?" The aim of all our propaganda must be to ensure that the answer to this question, at every turn, will be "No."

In a dictatorship all propaganda is Government propaganda, and it is all propaganda for power. Political power depends upon the loyalty of men, and the loyalty of men can be enlisted in three ways: by an appeal to sympathy, by an appeal to fear, and by an appeal to reason. The Axis dictators have accumulated loyalty by making each of these appeals at the right moment. They first captured the attention and sympathy of their peoples by telling them things which people wanted to hear — by appealing to the intense passions of nationalism, by building up a "Myth of Victory." In Germany, this took the form of the legend that the German armies had never been defeated in battle, but had been stabbed in the back by the Jews, Communists and Democrats. In Italy it took the form of the myth that Italy had won the war but had lost the peace — again, because she had been betrayed at the peace by her own Liberals and by the democracies of France and Britain. When each dictator had captured the machinery of Government by such propaganda, he turned to the weapon of force and appealed to fear. This was the stage of terror, castor-oil, concentration-camps, and party-purges. Finally, when all opposition had been cowed, came the final stage of "achievements" and the appeal to reason: the boasts of victories won against the decadent democracies in the field of diplomacy, and against "traditional enemies" in Abyssinia, and in Czechoslovakia, Poland and France. But now the climax has been reached. This smooth process is ended. The day of reverses and of reckoning has come. Britain has not been invaded. Nor has Greece. And both are hitting back hard.

This is the supreme moment for British propaganda. There are signs that this is being realised. The B.B.C. is being reorganised. A bigger programme of broadcasts to the peoples of all occupied territories is planned. Mistakes in broadcasts to Germany are being remedied. The R.A.F. have again started to drop leaflets, and rumours of the real extent of the damage done to the navy at Taranto are being confirmed by bestowing photographs of it upon Turin. Still more of this kind of propaganda should be pressed home. British propaganda, hitherto on the defensive, must now move steadily to the offensive.

Meanwhile, the enemy propaganda offensive has exhausted itself. The elaborate series of illusions carefully built up by Goebbels at home and abroad has been systematically belied by events. First, the decadent democracies would not fight. Then, when they did, it would all be over in a few months. Then, when it was not, Germany would build a "New Order" in Europe. Meanwhile the Nazi-Soviet Pact and the ruthless invasion of neutral countries such as Norway, Denmark and Greece have combined to reveal to neutrals the true purpose of this "New Order." The loyalty of Greece, Turkey and Egypt has not been shaken, and the Japan-Axis Pact, far from scaring the U.S.A. out of the war, has done much to facilitate aid for Britain. The defensive and faltering tone of the latest public speeches of both dictators is the best measure of these failures. Enemy propaganda is now thrown back on the defensive.

The power of the Axis dictators, it must be repeated, is based upon a skilful combination of friendliness, fear, and facts. It can be overthrown only by an equally skilful combination of disillusionment, force and achievements. Britain too must appeal to sympathy, fear and reason, in judicious proportions. To weave these strands into one clear-cut pattern is the task now before the Ministry of Information. One can only hope that they will at "Go to It."

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R.A.F. GIVES NAZIS NO RESPITE

MOVING OUR AIR FRONTIER TO GERMANY

(By An Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE is now engaged on the gigantic task of shifting the air frontier. That, and nothing less, is the meaning of the remarkable operations which British aircraft have been undertaking in the past few days.

We can take and hold the offensive. By day and by night the enemy must now expect a hammering from the air such as no nation in history has ever had to withstand. With every fresh assault the air frontier will be pushed farther and farther over and into Germany.

In August and September the Royal Air Force, owing to its numerical inferiority to the enemy, was on the defensive. It was fighting against odds to preserve our islands against the invading air forces.

It was fighting most of the time over Britain. Only at night was it able to strike back and to assume the offensive.

Now the position is different. From being over the South Coast, and even over London, the air frontier is being shifted to the coast of France and to the German bases beyond it.

It is the clearest and most positive sign of growing air strength. It is the recapture of the offensive in the air such as the Royal Flying Corps maintained almost throughout the war of 1914-18.

Then it was the exception for an enemy aeroplane to be shot down over friendly country. Nearly all the British victories were achieved far over the other side.

In August and September last year the enemy machines were falling in hundreds on British soil, a sign of tactical superiority but at the same time a sign that the enemy was on the offensive and that we were on the defensive. Now enemy machines will be falling in Germany and in German-occupied country.

Increased Losses Likely

We shall lose more heavily. That is almost certain and must be accepted as the price of the sustained air offensive. But the total effect on the German war effort will be far more markedly in our favour than any successes in defensive operations.

We shall employ technical superiority even greater than we enjoyed last year against the enemy, and numbers which ap-

proach and will soon exceed his own. Already the pressure of our reserves is great. And it is steadily mounting.

We shall not follow the German example of trying to take the offensive and then being beaten and forced to abandon it. When once we start the Germans will know no respite except such as comes to them through the intervention of the weather. We shall not cease, but continue on a steadily increasing scale.

A great problem of planning confronts the Air Staff in instituting this offensive. But it is a task to which Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of Air Staff, has been looking forward for months. He will use every ingenuity and every stratagem to win our objectives with the smallest possible loss.

There will be an interesting secondary effect when the offensive reaches its peak. The German night raiders will work less often and in diminishing strength. At last the real answer to the enemy night raiders emerges, the sustained, mounting and systematic aerial offensive.

Reward Of Planning

It is worth giving thanks to those in the British aircraft industry and those in charge of the R.A.F. who founded the magnificent machinery which is now turning out aircraft at a high rate.

Especially praiseworthy are those who looked forward and planned on a large scale, for aircraft production cannot be achieved in a short space of time. It is always and inevitably the result of long-term planning.

Later on thanks are also due to those who, under the energetic leadership of Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, have built up our force and supplied it with the serried reserves which now stand behind it, and to the factories in the United States which now stand as a secondary reserve of incalculable strength.

Those work-people and those United States factories may now be called on even more urgently for the tremendous sprint which will enable us to achieve decisive superiority in the air and to hold the air over Germany and German-occupied territory as if it were our own.

When they see how the Royal Air Force is making use of the machines they turn out those workers respond with all their strength.

RAID "GREETING" FOR FILM STARS

Film stars, Vivien Leigh and her husband, Laurence Olivier, when they arrived in England were welcomed by an air raid. Guns were booming as they reached the west coast port to which they had flown from Portugal, but they made a safe landing and the "Raiders Passed" sounded soon afterwards.

Just as they reached their hotel, however, another "Alert" was sounded.

Before that, however, Miss Leigh said to a reporter, "We have come home to be of as much use as possible." Mr. Olivier said, "We want to do all we can."

BOMBERS FLYING ATLANTIC

Ready For Service With R.A.F.

(By An Air Correspondent)

United States bombers are being flown across the Atlantic for the R.A.F., and a continuous stream will be maintained in future. They land practically ready to go into action.

Four types now being flown are: Lockheed Hudson long range reconnaissance bomber for the Coastal Command.

Boeing B-17 four-engine bomber, popularly called the Flying Fortress.

Consolidated two-engine flying-boat.

Lockheed Vega Ventura bomber, a larger and faster version of the Lockheed Hudson.

These are not the only machines that will be ferried over the ocean in this factory-to-squadron delivery half way across the world. The four-engined Consolidated landplane bomber will also come by air, and any other of the American aircraft which have a sufficient range to enable the flight to be made without undue risk.

Saving Time

By bringing them by air not only is the risk of U-boat sinkings avoided and the actual journey reduced by many days, but the dismantling after a test flight, the crating, the handling and the re-assembly and test flight in this country are all eliminated.

The consequence is that the only special modification needed for the flights will be the installation of additional fuel tanks in the bomb bays.

DESECRATING U.S. CEMETERY

Nazi Bombing Plan

The Washington correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" says that the State Department has reason to believe that the German military authorities in occupied France are contemplating setting up an experimental bombing area which may include the largest American war cemetery abroad, that of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, near Verdun.

It is believed that the American Administration has asked for further explanations, and has stated the reasons why the American people would not care to see 15,000 American soldiers' graves bombed.

The proposed bombing experiment, rumour insists, will include the use of gas.

LED FIRST R.A.F. RAID ON GERMANY

The leader of the first air raid over Germany in this war, A/ Sqdrn-Ldr. W. I. Scott, is included in the names of 81 airmen who, previously reported missing, are now presumed to have been killed in action.

Sqdrn-Ldr. Scott, whose home was at Kingsley Road, King's Norton, Birmingham, was 27 when, early in September, 1939, he led the first flight of R.A.F. bombers in their attack on German warships at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven. The Air Ministry's list contains 359 names.

(By A Special Correspondent)

More raiders are shot down than are claimed, I was informed, and we are on the way to doing much better. There is no reason why, as things are developing, 10 per cent. of raiding aircraft should not be scotched.

It was wildly extravagant, and by its very nature meant a waste of ammunition. Occasions arose for the use of a barrage, but far less often than the public supposed.

Predicors are playing a very important part in air defence, and one which we are now using is described as an "above the killer." Our two chief weapons for meeting high-flying aircraft are the 3.7-in gun, which fires a 28lb. round, and the 4.5-in gun, which fires a 55lb round. They both have a "ceiling" which is higher than the bomber can at present reach.

The commander wound up by saying that some of the best scientific minds in the country were concentrating on the defeat of "the unseen target."

It is believed that British fighter defences, which have always been good, as the operations of August and September demonstrated, are now stronger.

"I was a bit wary and swam round him at first. When a boat came up I helped to get him on board."

Evington is 31 and the father of three children.

Another anecdote related by Sir William was of the wife of a Polish General who was in Warsaw when the Germans arrived and travelled through Germany for 10 days with an American-Russian, posing as his wife. They were held up at Aix, and the General's wife was interrogated for three-quarters of an hour by a German official before they were allowed to proceed.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on MONDAY, 24th March.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COOK,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

Poor Planning

By The Four Aces

We saw, the other day a hand displayed by a player of considerable experience. Perhaps it will give others a couple of pointers.

South, Dealer
North South vulnerable

♠ A J 8
♥ K 10 9 6 2
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 10 9 5

♠ J 10 7 3
♥ A J 8 5
♦ A Q J 8
♣ Q 9 8 6 5 2

♠ K 4
♥ Q 6 5 4 2
♦ Q 7 3
♣ 10 9 5

♠ J 10 7 3
♥ A J 8 5
♦ A Q J 8
♣ Q 9 8 6 5 2

♠ K 4
♥ Q 6 5 4 2
♦ Q 7 3
♣ 10 9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West led the ten of clubs, East taking the Ace and returning the club Queen. South took the club King, led to the spade Ace, and ruffed a third round of clubs. He then ruffed a spade with dummy's eight of hearts and returned a club from dummy. When East followed, South ruffed with the heart nine, hoping that East had the Queen of hearts. But West over-ruffed with the heart Queen and returned a trump. A low diamond was led from the dummy, and West won and led another trump. That was the end of poor South; he was set two tricks!

South had adopted a bad line of play but should have made his contract anyway. When East followed to the fourth round of clubs, South should have ruffed with the heart King! Then he could ruff a spade with the heart Jack and return a diamond. Even though West might win and return a trump, South would then be able to ruff a diamond and would have a total of eight tricks.

But South made his big mistake at the third trick. To plan a cross-ruff was correct, but there was no need to plan to ruff clubs in his own hand when it was so much safer to ruff diamonds. At the third trick South should have led a diamond. From then on he could easily cross-ruff spades and diamonds without risking an over-ruff and the consequent loss of the contract.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTON,

Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 3 2
♥ K 7 4
♦ A 5
♣ A J 9 6

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Malier
Pass	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one club. This is a perfectly sound opening bid and there is a chance for game despite partner's original pass. Score 100% for one club, 10% for pass.

Question No. 668

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Malier
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

PICK-AND-SHOVEL PRINCE

Prince Friedrich of Prussia, the ex-Kaiser's grandson, who was in a Canadian internment camp has been shipped back to England with 250 well-behaved internees, reports the "New York News." The paper says he is acting as pick-and-shovel man, cleaning up after raids on London.



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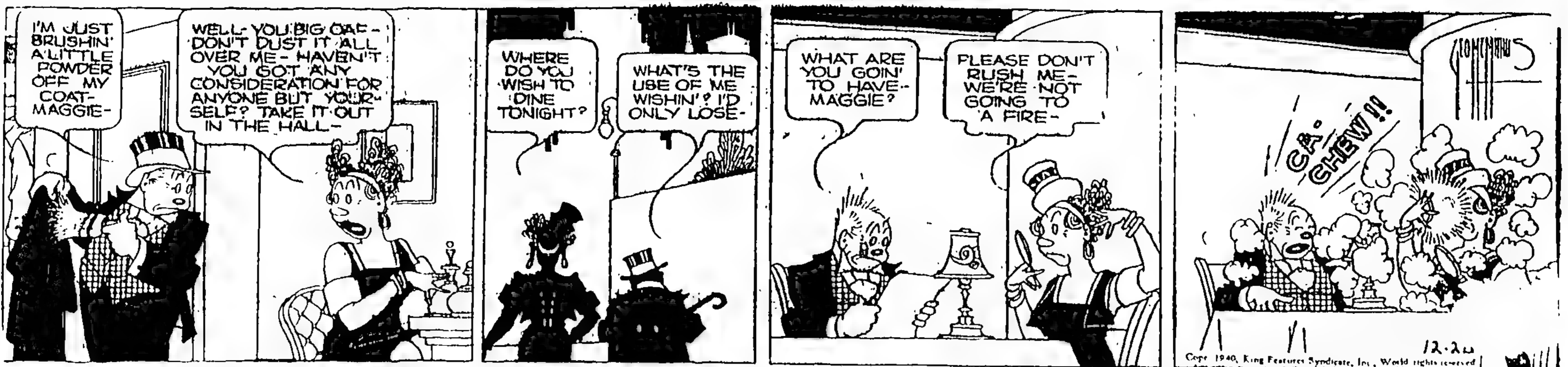
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Young Boys "Dish It Out" About Young Girls

To-day I am writing to the young things, those who are under nineteen.

Forty-seven young lads were questioned about the girl subject and they were delighted at having an opportunity of telling the world what they disliked about "women."

They led off on the subject of make-up. They hate blood-red lipstick and nail polish and simply loathe overdrawn, heavily coated lips. No appeal there, they claim! They like nicely manicured nails and the lighter shades of polish—but no red.

No boy will tell a girl she looks messy and should be better groomed, they warned, but they notice such details and hold it against the girl who doesn't measure up to their standards. And nearly all the boys voiced objection to repairing make-up in public. Jimmy Lydon of the film, put it this way: "There's a whole gang on a picnic and a girl's nose gets shiny and who cares? Girls should go without make-up on such occasions and when they are on a dinner or formal date, they should go to the Powder Room to make repairs in their beauty!"

About Clothes

All the boys seemed neutral on the subject of girl's clothes. Crazy hats don't seem to bother them a bit but some shoes get their criticism. Among the ones they dislike are those with "stilt" heels, cut out toes, wedge soles and oh girls—not one of the boys like ankle socks unless they are worn with tennis or tramp shoes.

All the boys seemed to want their girls to be beguilingly feminine. They like girls to swim, play tennis or badminton—but not too well. (You see their vanity must be preserved!) All adore a "smooth" dancer. All loathe a girl who talks too much.

About driving—the boys wished ardently that girls would learn to drive well but to let a boy drive when he was in her car! Somehow their ego is flattened a bit when they are driven by a woman. But they were fair about this because they urged girls to ask



For sportswear JOAN LESLIE wears a youthful hair style with loose braids. No make-up!

them to slow down a bit if their own driving got reckless. "A girl shouldn't hesitate to ask a boy to drive well—he'll do it if she asks him."

About Entertainment

The boys also agreed on what they liked to do on a date. They okayed movies, picnics, swimming parties, small dances with their own gang. Most of the boys disliked calling solo on a girl because parents make them uncomfortable!

And please, don't talk about other boy friends—that seems to be a common complaint. How about it, girls?

Last but not least, don't make fun of a boy's possessions. Freddie Bartholomew states it this way—"Love me, love my rattle-trap car!"

DANES REQUITE AID

Seventeen years ago Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, gave his services to men who were injured in an explosion in a Danish cruiser which was engaged in experimental work off Copenhagen.

This month Danes living in Britain will present a recreation pavilion to a plastic hospital in the Home Counties in which Sir Harold is interested, as a mark of their appreciation of his services on that occasion.

The Danish cruiser Geyser was experimenting in the manufacture of a smoke screen when the explosion occurred. Many of the crew were badly burned and needed expert treatment.

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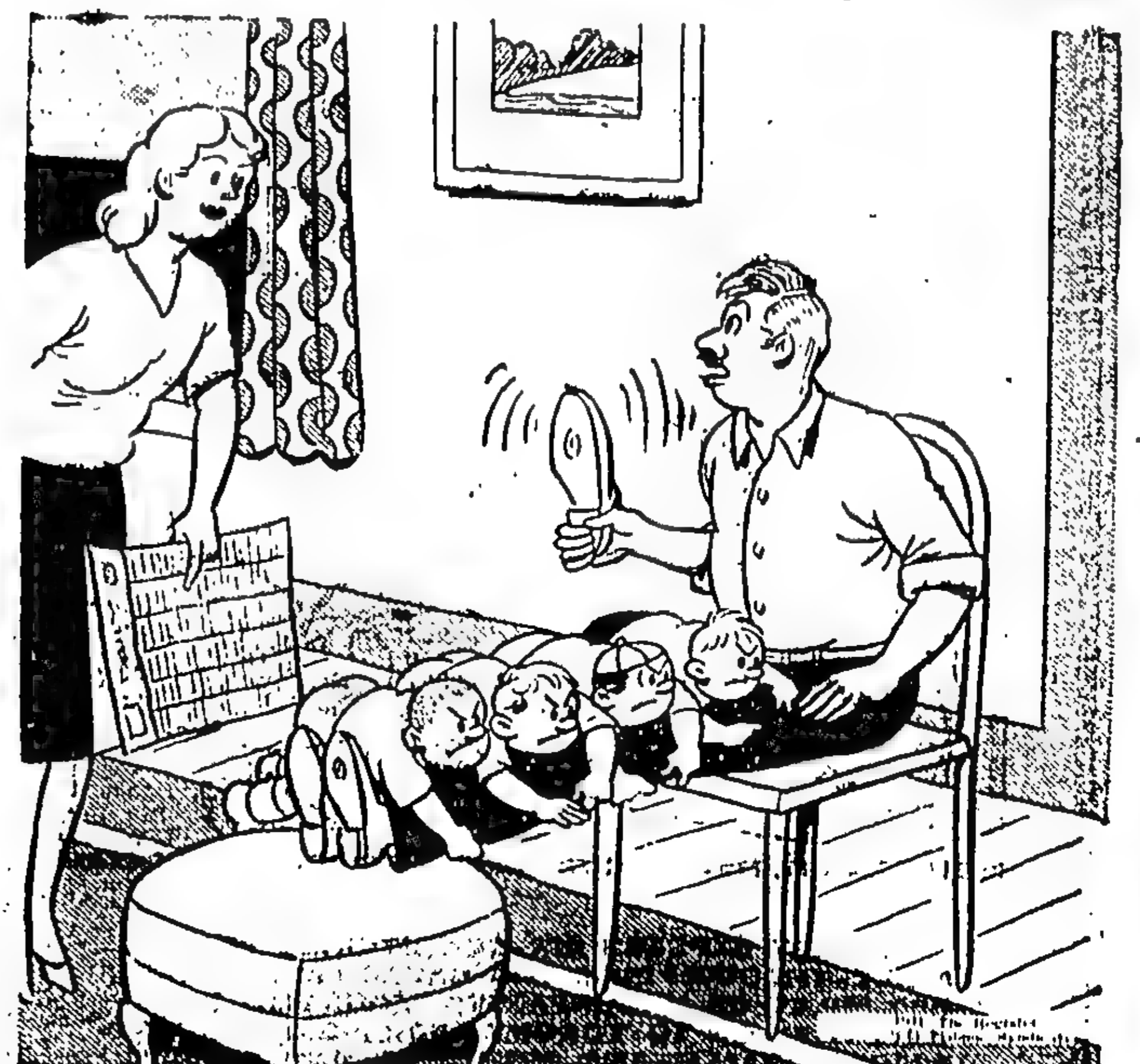
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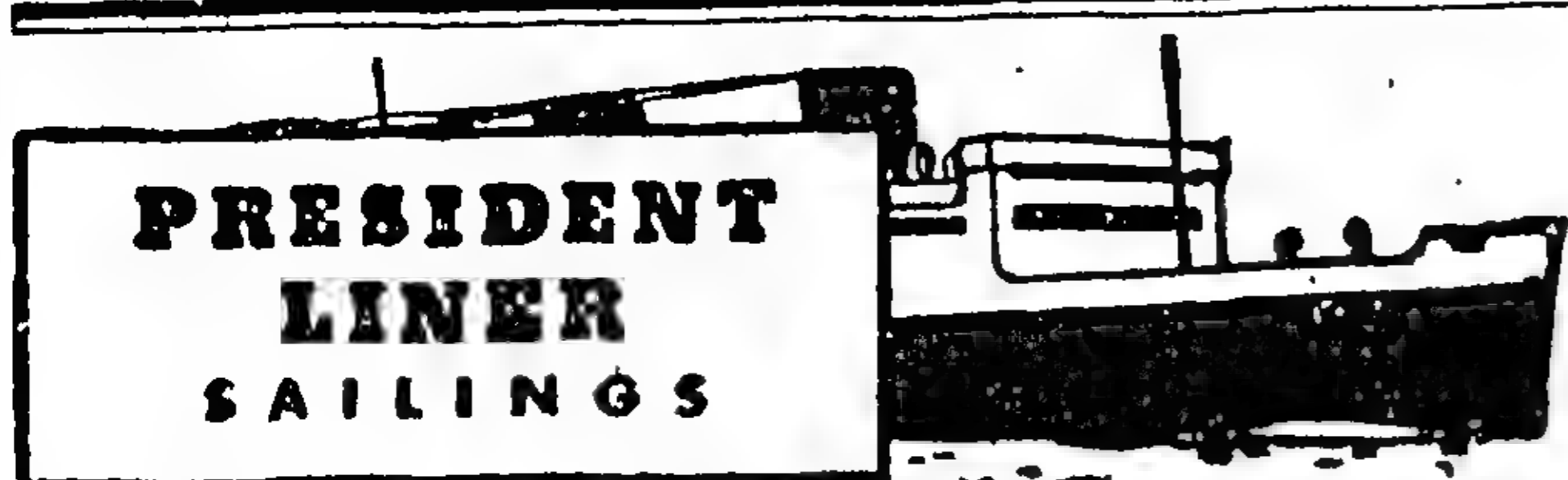


"Thank goodness the twins and Lucy weren't in on this escapade, too!"

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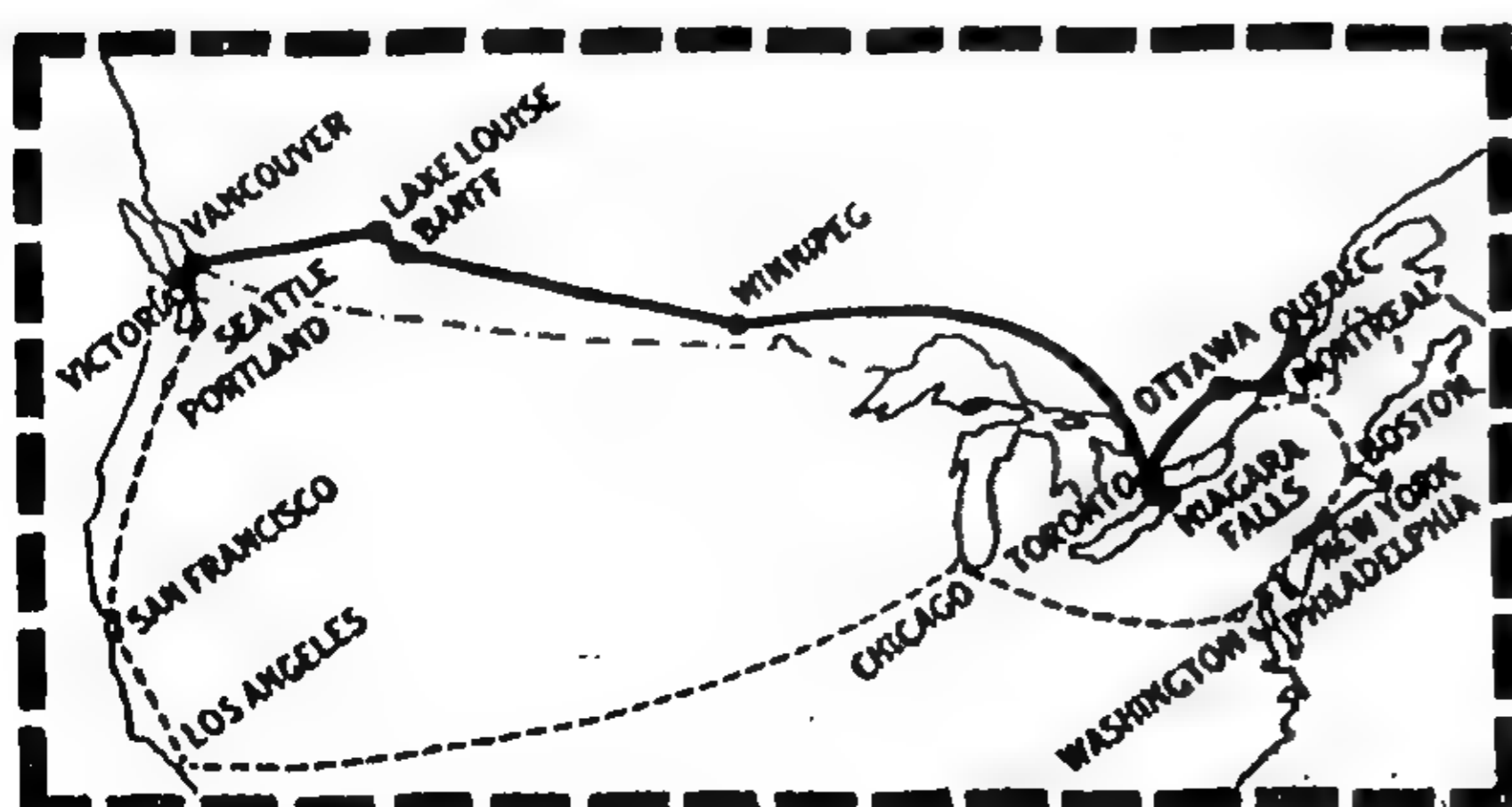
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
Veronique (Messenger)—The Swing Song, Trot Here and There (Donkey Duet)...Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham with Piano. Der Fiedermaus—Selection (Strauss).
Hale da Costa (Piano). Tales of Hoffmann—The Legend of Klettsack (Offenbach). Tudor Davies (Tenor) with Orchestra. Dollar Princess—Medley (Fall). Nal Shikret & His Orchestra. The Three Waltzes—C'est Le Destin Peul-Etre (O. Strauss). Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orch.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal
1.01 p.m.—Liszt—Sonata in B Minor.
1st Mov. Lento assai-Allegro energico-Grandioso. 2nd Mov. Allegro energico. 3rd Mov. Andante sostenuto. 4th Mov. Allegro energico-Andante sostenuto-Allegro moderno-Lento assai. Vladimir Horowitz (Piano)
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements
1.45 p.m.—Humorous Variety.
Vocal Just Another Sally (Charlton). Max Miller with Orchestra. Vocal The Empire Depends on You (from Under You Hat). Cicely Courtneidge with Orchestra. Humorous Monologue—The Mayor (Tilly). John Tilley. Vocal So Tired (Lattie & Sizemore). Ann Penn with Orchestra. Humorous Sketch—Sandy's Own Broadcasting

Station...Sandy Powell; Vocal—We're Still Single To-day...Ethel Revnell & Gracie West with Orchestra; Humorous Monologue—The Beekeeper...Stanley Holloway.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—Half an hour with Delius—Sonata No. 2: Con moto—Lento—Molto vivace...Lionel Tertis (Violin) and George Reeves (Piano). Eventyr...London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—From the old Country. Talk by Robert Donat
7.20 p.m.—Folk Music.
The Comical Fellow (arr. Porter). Mutual Love (arr. Porter). Folk Dance Band
Y Bore Glas (Welsh Folk Song). Margaret Rees & Welsh Chorus
Twankydllo (English Folk Song). Robert Easton & English Chorus.
Danish Folk Dance—Hattemageren Folk Dance Orchestra.
The Bard of Armagh (Trad.)...John McCormack (Tenor) w. Piano acc.
Italian Folksongs—Medley (de Michel). Columbia Master Orch.
O Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scotland). Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with Piano
Scandinavian Dances—Little Man in a Fix, Sextur, Gallopink. Folk Dance Orchestra
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.

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The Waltzing Doll (Poldini). At Dawning (Cadenat) New Light Symphony Orchestra.
My Dear Soul (Sanderson). Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.
A Life on the Ocean (Nautical Selection—Binding) New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Songs That Live Forever—Intro: Come back to Erin; All through the night, Annie Laurie, Sally in our Alley
Oh! No John (arr. Sharp) Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Piano.
Jewels of the Madonna—Introduction to Act 2 (Wolf-Ferrari) New Light Symphony Orchestra
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Makers of Medicine" No. 4: "Medical Humanism: Grammarian and Doctor, Thomas Linacre." Talk by Father G. Byrne, S.J.
8.50 p.m.—Violin Solos by Henry Merckel. Two Minutes from "Sonata No. 6 in E Major for Solo Violin". Prelude from "Sonata No. 1 in G Minor for Solo Violin" (Bach)
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
9.30 p.m.—Light French Programme with Jean Sablon and Lucienne Beyer.
Les Saltimbanques Overture (Louis Ganne) Orchestre Symphonique de Lutetia Wagman.
Embrasse-Moi (Pills-Tabert) Je T'aime (Pills-Tabert) Lucienne Beyer (Vocal) with Orch.
La Fille Du Madame Angot Overture (Lecocq) Vienna Symphony Orch.
La Chanson des Rues (Vaucaire & Goe). Why Do You Pass Me By? Jean Sablon (Vocal) w. Orch.
Sous Les Bees De Gaz Java, Ma Danseuse Valse (both from "Ferie de Paris") L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra
9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only)
10.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Mr. H. C. Macnamara on "The Fanling Hunt".
10.10 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.
I Nearly Let Love Go Slipping Through My Fingers (film "It's Love Again"). Would You? (film "San Francisco"). Love Is Everywhere (film "Look Up and Laugh"). Kiss Me Good-Night (Green-Greer).
10.23 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—This year's roses, Quickstep—I Hear bluebirds. Oscar Rabin & His Strict Tempo Dance Band.
Waltzes—Beautiful Spring; Vienna Folk... Harry Horlick & His Orch.
Fox-Trots—You're Just A No Account; You're A Lucky Guy... Louis Armstrong & His Orchestra.
Tango—Carino Gaucho; Milonguita... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Swing Fox-Trots—Stomp It Off; Night Glow... Tommy Dorsey & His Orch.
Quicksteps—Cheerio, I'll Be Seeing You; I Must Have One More Kiss, Kiss, Kiss... Jack Payne & His Band.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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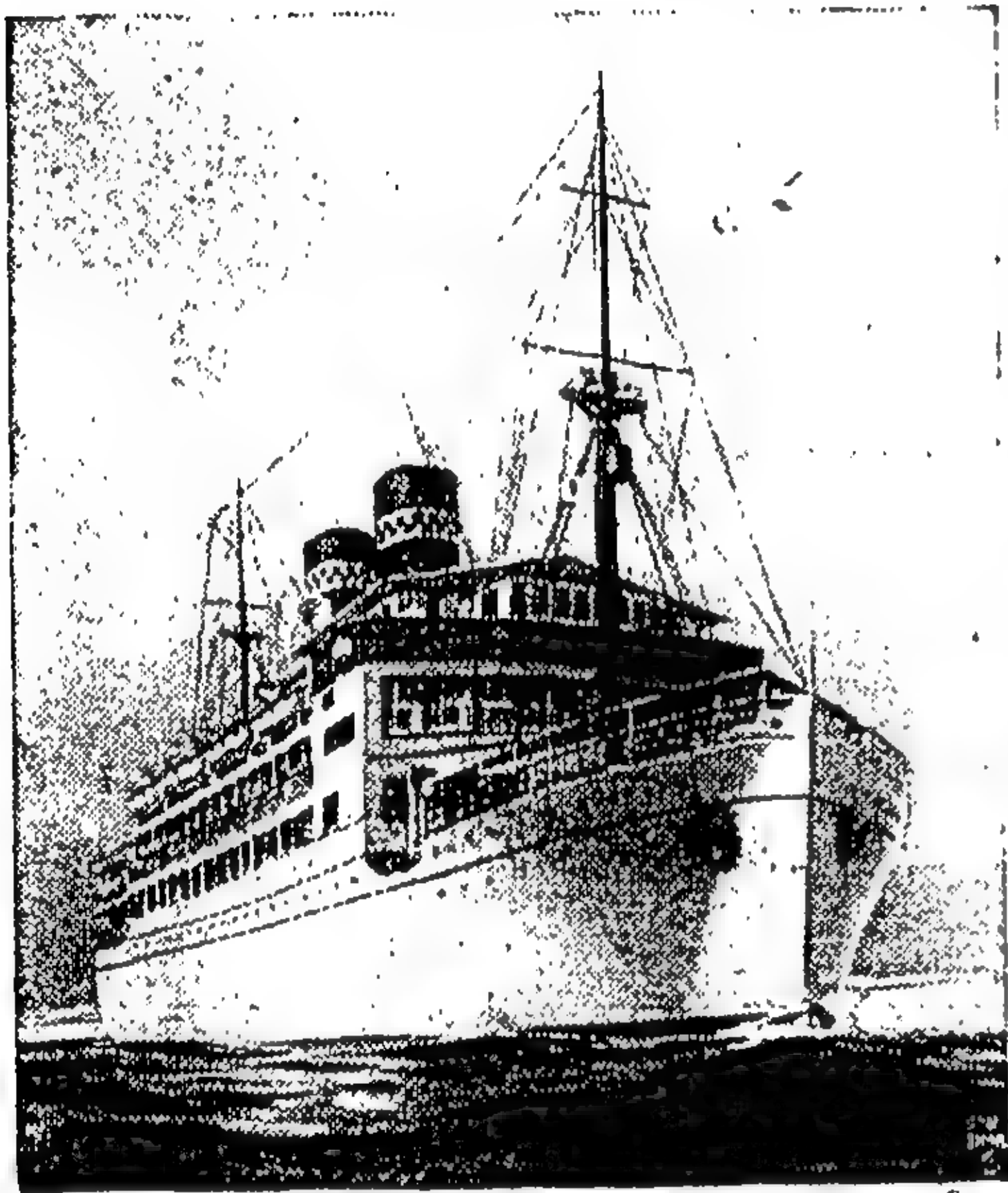
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Lack Of Practice Much Apparent In Opening Colony Tennis Matches

Oxlade Shows Some Promise

By "Adrem"

Although conditions underfoot for the players were far from ideal owing to the slippery state of the ground, yesterday's brilliant weather attracted a large crowd to Hong Kong Cricket Club to watch opening matches in the Colony tennis championships.

Three of the better players in the tournament were on view but there was little interesting tennis and the recent protracted spell of wet weather was reflected in the obvious lack of practice of everyone on view yesterday.

It was expected that the closest match of the day would be between the Japanese entry of O. Umetani and T. Imura, and veteran T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, who are a very formidable combination in "B" Division of the League. Actually, however, long rallies were few and far between, although there were some lively moments when exchanges became quite spirited.

Steady Pair

The Japanese, who won in straight sets, are a combination who depend more on steadiness than brilliance and they will be a difficult pair to beat when they have had more practice. Both were useful off the ground, and both obviously have a sound knowledge of the game.

Gould and Monaghan were too erratic to be effective but they played a breezy brand of tennis that made the game quite an attractive one to watch.

After a very poor first set when the Cricket Club pair were unable to do anything right, Oxlade and Barwell closed down to play good tennis and improved sufficiently to give the Tsui brothers quite a lot of opposition.

On one occasion, with Barwell serving, they led 5-4, having won the previous three games as the result of some good play by Oxlade, but the Tsuis then settled down to their task and won the next three games for set and match.

As is usual in a match of this description the Tsuis did not over-exert themselves and on this match their form is difficult to assess.

Oxlade, however, gave the impression that he might be quite a useful singles player and his match against Tsui Yan-pui next week should be quite interesting.

In a match of very poor standard, Sewell and MacDougall beat Marto and Matthias, while H. D. Runjahn was able to play at half-speed and yet beat Howard comfortably.



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BIG SOCCER MATCH TO-DAY

The First Division Football championship may be decided this afternoon, when South China meet Police at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m.

South China must win this game to retain the championship and the loss of a point will mean a replay with Eastern.

Police have not done very well in the League this season but throughout the League they have nearly always given every team they have met a good game. Consequently this afternoon they are quite liable to upset the Chinese.

The other senior game is between Royal Scots and Navy and here a good game should be seen. In the Second Round of the Senior Shield, Navy won by the odd goal in three.

Following is to-day's programme:

First Division
Police v. South China, 5 p.m.
South China v. Police, 5 p.m.
Third Division
2nd R.A. v. 1st R.A., 3 p.m.
12th R.A. v. 1st R.A., 3 p.m.

Police Team: Wing, Blackburn and Chan. Kwong-yu, North Gough and Pope, Gordon, Wong, Man-kwui, Howett, Ferrier and Moss.

South China Team: Kwan-hoi, Tsang Chung-wan, and Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-lai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

SCOTLAND'S "S.H." CUP ELEVEN

Following have been chosen to represent Scotland in the Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition against England on Sunday, April 6 at Boundary Street.

Bankier (R. Scots); Naysmith (R. Scots) and Fraser (R. Scots), Capt.; Munroe (R. Scots), Birrell (R.E.) and Clarke (R. Scots); Garry (R. Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (R. Scots), Howlett (Police) and Marshall (R. Scots).

Reserves: Blackburn (Police), Lamb (Kowloon), Gilroy (R. Scots), Hutchison (Signals), Scott (Club).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:

At 10.30 a.m.
5th A.A. "A" v. Police "B"
5th A.A. "B" v. Police "A"
C.B.A. v. Engineers
University v. Nomads
A.N. Other XI v. Des. rovers
At 4 p.m.
Gunboats v. Khalsa

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES
H. D. Runjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.

OPEN DOUBLES
O. Umetani and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.

G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias 6-2, 6-2.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
H. van Leeuwen (-2 6) beat L. P. Ralph (plus 1 6) 6-3, 6-3.

A. T. Dow (-3 6) beat M. A. Vierens de Haan (Scr.) 6-0, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scr.) beat N. Spence and E. Newton (-1 6) 6-8, 6-2, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles

Ho Ka-lau v. K. H. Ip (7)

Open Doubles

Pang Oi-lan and Lee Kam-ming v. B. and I. Agafuroff (4); G. Choi and A. V. Remedios v. A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong (5); F. H. Kwok and T. E. Lang v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui (8)

SMALL UNITS SPORTS

A crowded programme has been arranged for the Small Units Sports which is scheduled to take place this afternoon at the Chatham Road field.

The main feature in the programme of 14 events will be the invitation one-mile relay, in which will be participating, a team from Hong Kong University and three teams from the Middlesex Regiment.

The purpose of the competition is to select contestants for the forthcoming Army meet.

BATTLE TO KEEP SOCCER GOING

This will give you some idea of how Soccer clubs are battling to keep the flag flying these days.

Tom Parker, the Southampton manager, took a team to Reading recently that cost him in wages just two guineas—which the six professionals agreed to accept to help the club.

The average age of the team was 17½.

Tom said the crowds he gets at home matches cover expenses and sometimes show a profit.

What Southampton wants, of course, is some London club fixtures, and they feel they have as strong a grievance as left-out Portsmouth though nobody has pleaded their cause.

ARMY RUGBY

At Sookunpon, yesterday, Middlesex beat Royal Artillery by two goals and a try (13 points) to a try (3 points) in the Large Units Rugby League.

In the other game Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units by a goal and three tries (14 points) to nil.

A DISCOURSE ON SOFTBALL AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS, HEAVY SHOWERS CAUSED THE ENTIRE WEEK-END SOFTBALL PROGRAMME TO BE POSTPONED, DELAYING THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES FOR A FURTHER WEEK.

Whilst the rain was drenching the K.F.C. ground, this corner had an opportunity of sitting in on one of those gab sessions, which is a softball bug's favourite past-time on a rainy day. One vociferous, but not too well-informed addict, voiced his opinion that an all-star team should be made up of all the players with the highest fielding averages. "For," says he, "Aren't they the best fielders, since figures don't lie?"

This statement is only partially correct, for, strange as it may seem, averages are often very misleading, and it is a fact that managers very often ignore averages in determining a player's fielding ability.

Analysis Necessary

To be able to read the averages rightly, one must be acquainted with the figures, for averages do disclose real facts about a fielder's ability, but in order to obtain the proper information from the averages, the figures must be analysed.

Take, for instance, Maple Leaf hindersman Johnnie Delgado's up-to-date fielding average of .986, which is one point above that of Mohawk catcher, Joe Morris, which seems to indicate that Delgado is the better catcher. Delgado is far from being the better receiver, and even he will confirm this, but the averages didn't say that he was the better man, they merely recorded the fact that considering the number of chances he was credited with handling, he made fewer errors in proportion to those chances, than Morris did.

Eliminate Canuck fire-ball hurler Herbie Quon's 39 strikeouts, for which Delgado was credited with putouts, from his record of 40, then work out the averages and you'll be surprised. A catcher's ability should be reckoned from the number of passed balls and bases stolen against him, that is to say, the lesser the number, the better the player's ability.

The Real Test

In the case of the other fielding positions, the real test of a player's fielding ability is the amount of ground covered, with the consequent potential hits he is able to cut off.

Accordingly, the real indication is in the number of chances accepted by a player, namely the put-outs and assists.

In the case of outfielders, the greater the number of put-outs the greater the fielder's ability, since fielders who play on a dime, and allow the ball to bounce, will seldom be charged with an error, the batter being more often than not credited with a hit.

Incidentally, with a majority of right-handed batters in the local loop, right fielders have fewer chances of making errors which accounts for a higher fielding percentage than the other outfielders.

Similarly a first-baseman will probably make fewer errors in proportion to the other fielders, because his chances are generally easier, and when they do get bad, the thrower and not the first-baseman gets the error.

COLONY BADMINTON

Badminton championship matches at the Club de Recrelo last evening resulted as follows:

Junior Doubles: J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies beat W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 15-3, 15-6.

Junior Singles: E. Gillespie beat A. L. Gordon, 15-3, 15-4; T. S. Young beat J. Tsang, 18-13, 18-10.

Mixed Doubles: H. C. and Miss Decima Eardley beat E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong, 15-7, 15-6.

WORLD'S RECORD BANDAGE

Nattrass got the Arsenal—Sheffield United final of 1936, which I remember, not only for the refereeing but for the world's biggest bandage round the right knee, or maybe the left, of one Ted Drake, writes a correspondent.

Which didn't stop Edward banging home the Cup-winning goal for Arsenal.

Pint-sized, very nippy at the gate, first called "Natty" Nattrass by me because of his neat sartorial ensembles, possessor of a watch-timer which made his extra time allowances the last word in split-seconds—that's Nattrass that was. We shall hope for his quick return to the game.

WAITER JOCKEY

Jockeys know all about the art of waiting. Harry Wragg is the chief artist at riding this sort of race. But that well-known rider Freddie Hunter, one of Stanley Wootton's best-known pupils of former days, is top of the art of another sort of waiting.

For three months he has been an officer's mess waiter in the R.A.O.C.

Incidentally, he tells me he has "acquired" the only spring bed in his camp.

HOW FAMOUS TROPHIES ARE BEING KEPT SAFE

"FACE THE NETTING from the box . . . walk up white line . . . stop five yards from top end of court . . . dig ten feet."

Reads a bit like Long John Silver? Well, it is a treasure-trove plan, but the buried hoard is silver cups, not pieces of eight, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

We'll-known London tennis club members are now playing over instead of for, their club trophies just a very sensible "blitz" precaution.

This set me off on a few inquiries, writes a correspondent. Where are the cups of yesterday? the gold and silver symbols which before Hitler got his rush of blood to the head meant so much to so many. Perhaps too much, but so it will be again some day "glory be!"

Where They Are

Sport's No. 1 trophy, the F.A. Cup, is still at off-bombed Portsmouth. I am not saying where, but the Football Association is satisfied it is in a place of safety with the Tinn spats.

Dick Burton's Open Golf Championship Cup, worth perhaps £5, is snugly secure at Sale, and the Walker is in the vault of a Scottish bank—with the rest of the Royal and Ancient's irreplaceable treasures, which in peace time were kept, with Scottish caution, in a steel reinforced strong-room inside the granite clubhouse.

We took the Walker from America in the last peace season, which, from a safety point of view, may not perhaps have been the right thing to do, but discreetly left in their keeping the Ryder. Let's say because it is one of the few golden sport trophies.

U.S.A. also guards the Wrightman and the Curtis, while the Davis is where no German can lay vandal hands upon it in Australia. Incidentally, Australia held the Davis Cup throughout the last war.

Mark Twain's Cup

The Ascot Gold Cup which you will know a London evening paper contents bill once accused Mark Twain of "stealing" ("Mark Twain Arrives; Gold Cup Stolen") is in a jeweller's safe. So is the Jockey Club Cup and other famous Turf cups.

The historic urn which holds the Test cricket Ashes was moved to a place of safety at the war break, together with the rest of the treasure-trove in the long room at Lord's.

Peggy Cockburn, who is carrying on the Professional Golfers' Association in the absence of Commander Roe, tells me all P.G.A. cups are in a bank in the country.

One of them, given for the best single round in the Open, was lost during the last war and mourned for years, but played for each season until it mysteriously turned up. No one ever solved this mystery.

Ted Ray Lost One

Ted Ray also lost a cup during the last war (the Leeds, which he won so often it would follow him about). He found it again on the eve of a meeting in a crate in a loft!

Ted sent it in post haste to the jewellers to be cleaned, and they, seeing his name all over it, duly inscribed it again.

No time to get it erased, so Ray saved complications by winning it again: "Saved me buying a new cup mate," said Ted between pipe puffs.

Then there is the case of Arthur Whichells, who went on winning greyhound racing cups until his wife refused to clean any more. Arthur is solving that one, by putting them all up for war charity events.

RUGBY STAR MISSING

That grand Richmond and England forward, Pilot-Officer D. E. Teden, considered by many the best forward in the four Unions in 1938-39, is reported missing. He has played some grand games for Romsey Park this season.



CHARITY GOLF MATCH

The first "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund match in the Midlands was an outstanding success.

Henry Cotton and Alfred Padgham won the 18 holes four-ball from the Open champion, Dick Burton, and the crack Warwickshire amateur, J. Murry, by 5 and 4. It was Padgham's magic putter that did most of the deadly work.

Big money was being paid for "eagles" and "birdies" and Alfred scored the only "eagle" and three out of the seven "birdies" collected by the four players.

Henry, however, drew first blood by winning the fifth hole and Alfred had the first of his 2's at the seventh.

Dick Burton produced one of his champion shots to win at the eighth, nearly holing his iron shot, but that was the only hole his side claimed before the match ended.

"Justly Proud"

The effort of which Alfred was justly proud was the 439 yards tenth where he scored his "eagle" three with a beautifully judged second shot and a firmly-struck putt.

He won the 12th and 13th, the latter with his second two and Henry administered the coup de grace at the 14th with a par four.

Olton's enthusiastic members are keeping the subscription list open as they wish to raise a really impressive sum for the needs of the air raid victims to whom the whole proceeds of the match will be devoted.

The club hopes to raise £300 for the fund. The auction brought in over £50.

One of the sales was six onions which the captain, Mr. J. Doherty, bought for six guineas for what he claimed to be "the most expensive stew of his life."

FEAR OF JOCKEY SHORTAGE

I foresee a serious shortage of flat-race jockeys when the new season begins in March.

Gordon Richards, the champion, is only one of several who will probably be with the colours in the late spring, and I happen to know that leave of absence for riding engagements won't be as generously bestowed as it appears to be for the week-end footballers.

I had a chat with Johnnie Gilbert on a 48-hours' marriage leave, and he was not at all confident about how any application for a day off would fare.

I know other soldier-jockeys who take a similar view.

In National Hunt sport there has yet been no shortage of available riders because there are always amateurs keen to take a chance mount, and in any case the ranks of the professionals are over-crowded.

Not so in flat-racing and I can visualise occasions when we have a Saturday with two meetings, one up North and the other in the South, that there will be a real shortage of jockeys.

Perhaps the men of Eire will come over and see us sometime. They are not troubled with Army call-ups there yet awhile.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTING ACCURACY

By Best Ball

Giving attention to the two phases of the putting stroke listed above is one way of counteracting the two most prevalent faults on the green. In fact if one is putting way off form, it is well to check up on these two points, i.e., too short a backstroke or lifting the head before the ball is struck. Both lead to jerky, uneven hitting, exaggerating the error of stroking the ball too quickly.

The putting stroke should be smoothly accelerated, and a wide backstroke gives more leeway for such application. Such a stroke when assisted by keeping the head down, eyes on the ball, increases the chances of making a crisp, satisfying contact straight along the intended path.

Next Article:—Distance Impact.

LA SALLE FAVOURED FOR SCHOOL SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

ON THEIR showing on the first day of the Annual Inter-School Athletic Sports Meeting, at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, La Salle College have established themselves as strong favourites for the championship.

Present holders of the Governor's Cup, Wah Yan College, are considered to be one of the strongest challengers to La Salle College, while St. Stephen's College and King's College are also powerful.

Although all the times, heights and distances returned yesterday were on the low side, every event was keenly and closely contested, particularly the medley relay race and high jump.

Following are the competitors qualified for the Finals:—

100 Metres:—Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Chow Hon-shu (King's), Lai Chung-yiu (Wah Yan), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan), Fong Hui-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chik-tao (Queen's) and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

Long Jump:—Wong Ki-lim (King's), Chau King-cheung (St. Stephen's), Fung Shing-mo (St. Stephen's) and Cheng Kim-kwong (La Salle).

800 Metres:—N. Castro (La Salle), J. Xavier (La Salle), Cheung Kat-pui (Wah Yan), Lee Kai-luen (Wah Yan), K. Mohammed (Queen's) and J. Macaulay (D.B.S.).

Pole Vault:—Marcus Ng (La Salle), L. Remedios (La Salle), Hau Tam-yuen (St. Stephen's), Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's) and Kwan Wah-sang (St. Paul's).

200 Metres:—A. P. Silva (La Salle), A. Mackeechne (La Salle), Fong Hui-yeung (Queen's), Kan Chik-tao (Queen's), Law Chi-to (King's), Wong Wing-keen (King's) and Chan Shiu-kei (Wah Yan).

Shot Put:—Ma Wai-fun (St. Stephen's), Ma Chang-ling (St. Stephen's), Woo Shai-cheung (Wah Yan) and Toi Kwok-fun (St. Paul's).

400 Metres:—R. Remedios (La Salle), N. Castro (La Salle), S. Hall (D.B.S.), J. Macaulay (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan) and Wan Shau-tak (St. Paul's).

High Jump:—Marcus Ng (La Salle), A. Mackeechne (La Salle), Cheuk Ming-lee (Queen's), Leung Lai-yuen (St. Stephen's), Lim Hong-hong (D.B.S.) and A. Fong (St. Joseph's).

110 Metres High Hurdles:—Lam Chik-kow (St. Paul's), B. Pomeroy (La Salle), Wong Ki-lim (King's), Fung Shing-mo (St. Stephen's), Wan Sau-tak (St. Paul's) and Wan Ki-hing (Wah Yan).

Medley Relay Race (400, 200, 200, 400 Metres):—La Salle College "A", La Salle College "B", King's College, Wah Yan College, Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's College.

ARSENAL PLAYER KILLED

Jack Lambert, Arsenal centre-forward in two Cup Finals, has been killed in a road accident.

Lambert's development from a crude centre to a great goal-scorer was a tribute to Herbert Chapman, who had a genius for pulling the best out of a man.

Their association was later continued at Margate, where Lambert did so well that he practically made the Arsenal nursery.

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BERBERA'S RECAPTURE

Full Story Of Operation Told In Aden

"MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS" IN THE AIR

"Mysterious happenings are occurring in the air," writes the London correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "ABC."

He adds: "Whatever the British anti-aircraft devices may be, things have greatly changed and Londoners to-day are safer than ever in their shelters and houses." —Reuter.

"PENTHOUSE" EJECTION CAMPAIGN

"Penthouse" colonies on the roof-tops of buildings in Canton Road, Shanghai Street and Temple Street, in the Yaumati District, were swept away as a result of raids carried out by the Police early yesterday morning and last night.

Hundreds of persons who have been making their homes on the roof-tops for the last two or three years were ejected, some being

Four Men In A Boat

AN EPIC STORY OF THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, IS TOLD IN A CABLE RECEIVED FROM ADEN YESTERDAY.

At one point the success of the whole operation depended on four men in a boat stealing silently towards the Somaliland coast, while the outstanding impression left by the operation is the "unchangeable loyalty of the Somalis, whose territory had been usurped by the Italians."

About midnight on March 15/16, a liberating fleet, consisting of troopships, convoyed by warships, stole silently towards the coast.

Clouds scudded across the sky and occasionally allowed the moon to illuminate the flat shore with mountains beyond.

Previous aerial photographic operations gave the commanders of the expedition full knowledge of the terrain, and the assault was planned to force the Italians to divide their already depleted and demoralised forces.

Two Landings

Two landings were planned. The western landing was entrusted to picked Indian troops, with supporting Engineers and Artillery.

sent to government refugee camps.

The action is connected with the cholera menace.

while the eastern was to be carried out by Arabs and Somalis specially recruited in Aden under British officers.

The implicit faith of the Somalis in British ability to restore to them their land, impressed everyone at Aden.

Four men in a boat had the task of landing without disturbing the enemy and marking out a landing beach.

After an apparently interminable period of waiting a signal flashed the news of the successful accomplishment of this task.

Suddenly, at zero hour, a flash of thunder of naval gunfire shattered the quiet night as naval shells ripped through the air, exploding inland.

Use Of Force

It was later learned that although a large number of Italians left the town under cover of darkness shortly before the British approach, those who remained were sufficiently numerous to render the use of force necessary to crush them.

Away on the right the western landing force went into action and the way had been paved for the eastern force of Somalis and Arabs to land and advance towards the town two miles away.

Italian machine-guns and field-guns attempting to stem the assault were outclassed by the accuracy of the British naval fire, which was the more praiseworthy in view of the murky cloudy nature of the night.

The Somali-Arab force continued to advance and news came of the complete success of the major attack in the west.

Quickly Over

By 9.20 in the morning all was over; Berbera was again in British hands. Over 100 prisoners were taken while British casualties were negligible.

Even during the bombardment the inhabitants of Berbera came running to meet the British forces, waving Union Jacks and Somali flags which had been hidden from the Italians.

Pass Blown Up

The Italians had blown up a pass on the road to Sheik but within a few hours of the reoccupation, transports of stores were being landed and British officers examined the forlorn and miserable Italian prisoners.

The major commanding them burst into tears when handing over his revolver.

"I AM AN OLD SOLDIER," HE SAID, THUS EPITOMISING THE GENERAL FEELING REGARDING THE DEGRADATION TO WHICH MUSSOLINI'S AFRICAN GAMBLE HAS LOST A ONCE FREE AND CULTURED PEOPLE. — REUTER.

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STOP PRESS

The first reading of the Bill amending the rates of Estate Duty will be taken in Legislative Council to-morrow.

Mr. Phillips Price, well-known M.P., formerly correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" in Russia, writes:

"I should like to assure the Chinese people that all Englishmen to-day look to China as an ally in the great struggle for freedom and international law and order."

"Japan will never be forgiven for the crime of spreading desolation and murder in China when the Chinese people are struggling to renovate and modernise their ancient civilisation on lines laid down by Dr. Sun Yat-sen."

"We have been following with great admiration the heroic Chinese struggle. China can count on the British Empire standing squarely against aggression. But it is most important that China should remain united."

"We hear with apprehension reports of dissensions with the Communists. We hope that all Free China will rally to the support of Generalissimo Chang Kai-shek whose heroic leadership has been such a source of inspiration throughout the world."

"Whatever differences among the Chinese people, they can surely wait till after the war. It is hoped that the national united front of China will hold firm which is the prerequisite for victory of law over anarchy and aggression in the Far East." — Central News.

ITALIANS FIGHTING HARD TO SAVE KEREN

(Continued from Page 1) example of cooperation between the three Services.

The R.A.F. first bombed and photographed the enemy positions. The Fleet bombarded the town and finally two forces landed at dawn, meeting with only slight opposition. The whole operation was brilliantly executed and took only five hours to carry out.—Reuter.

DEATH

PISSAREVSKY:—At the Queen Mary Hospital at 10.45 p.m. on March 18, 1941, after a long illness, Mrs. E. K. Pissarevsky. Funeral will take place at the Jewish Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 5 p.m. to-day.



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NEW FRANCO-GERMAN CRISIS

Several Persons Shot Trying To Cross Border

BOMBERS SHOT DOWN

Two German bombers were intercepted and shot down into the sea off the coast of Britain yesterday.

TWO BRITISH FIGHTERS RETURNING WITH THEIR AMMUNITION EXHAUSTED WERE ATTACKED BY A NUMBER OF ENEMY FIGHTERS AND SHOT DOWN. BOTH PILOTS ARE SAFE.

An Air Ministry communiqué adds there was a little air activity by small enemy forces round the coasts of Britain during the day and a few aircraft penetrated inland, but no bombs are reported to have been dropped.—Reuter

Americans Given Orders To Leave

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SEVERAL WERE SHOT AND MANY OTHERS ARRESTED WHILE TRYING TO CROSS THE DEMARCATION LINE BETWEEN OCCUPIED AND UNOCCUPIED FRANCE YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS IN VICHY LAST NIGHT.

Amid reports of a new German-French crisis, the French authorities announced the arrest of Fernand Laurent, director of the newspaper "Le Jour," together with his chauffeur and secretary, as they tried to reach Paris.

French officials also confirmed the arrest of Mr. Jay Allen, correspondent of the North American Newspaper Alliance, as he allegedly entered the occupied zone illegally.

The German news agency reports from Paris that the U.S. Embassy has requested all American citizens to leave German-held France, after which their passports will not be valid for that area.

After a series of talks with the German authorities in Paris, Admiral Darlan yesterday returned to Vichy to report to Marshal Pétain.

ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR, HAD A LONG TALK WITH MARSHAL PETAIN YESTERDAY. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

VIOLENT JAPANESE THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") ANOTHER VIOLENT OUTBURST CAME OUT FROM THE TOKYO "NICHU NICHU" YESTERDAY IN AN ARTICLE COMMENTING ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH.

THE "NICHU NICHU" WARNED THE UNITED STATES THAT JAPAN WOULD BE FORCED TO FOLLOW HITLER'S COURSE AND SINK ANY SHIPS CROSSING THE PACIFIC CARRYING ARMS TO CHUNGKING. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

SEQUEL TO RIOT AT SOCCER MATCH

As a further sequel to Saturday's football riot at the Canidrome, a meeting of the Committee of the Shanghai Football Association decided to suspend the entire Tung Hwa XI until further notice.

At the same time the Committee decided to cancel all remaining matches.—Reuter.

"BREMEN" FIRE PUT OUT

The fire which broke out on the twenty-million dollar German liner "Bremen" has finally been extinguished, according to an announcement in Berlin.

It is stated by Berlin authorities that investigations are proceeding regarding the cause of the fire.—International News Service.

ATLANTIC U.S. NAVAL EXERCISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The United States Navy Department last night announced extensive submarine manoeuvres along the Atlantic seaboard.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, at the same time confirmed the receipt of information from Britain that a long-range German submarine is en route to American east coast waters.

The Navy announced that for the remainder of this week an undisclosed number of submarines will hold exercises in three strategic areas along the coast.

They will operate in Long Island Sound, N.Y., off the Virginia capes and in the Florida Straits. Some destroyers will participate in Florida waters.

The Navy spokesman characterized the manoeuvres as "routine" but refused to comment as to whether they bore any relation to a report to Mr. Sumner Welles by Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, that a large Nazi submarine has slipped through the British blockade en route to operate in northern American waters.—International News Service.

Heavy Casualties At Liverpool And Clydeside

Five hundred were killed and 500 seriously injured by German air raids on Merseyside on the two nights of March 12 and 13.

Combined casualties in the Clyde area on March 13 and 14 were approximately 500 killed and 800 seriously injured, says a Reuter despatch from London this morning.

MENZIES GOING TO AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

International News learned in London yesterday that Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, has indicated his intention of visiting President Roosevelt in the near future.

It was stated that Mr. Menzies will first visit Dublin in order to confer with the Eire Premier, Mr. Valera.

The object of the visit to Eire, the International News, would be to add to the arguments to induce the Eire Government to cede bases in Eire in order to strengthen British defences against boat attacks on shipping which are expected to increase as a result of the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill. — International News Service.

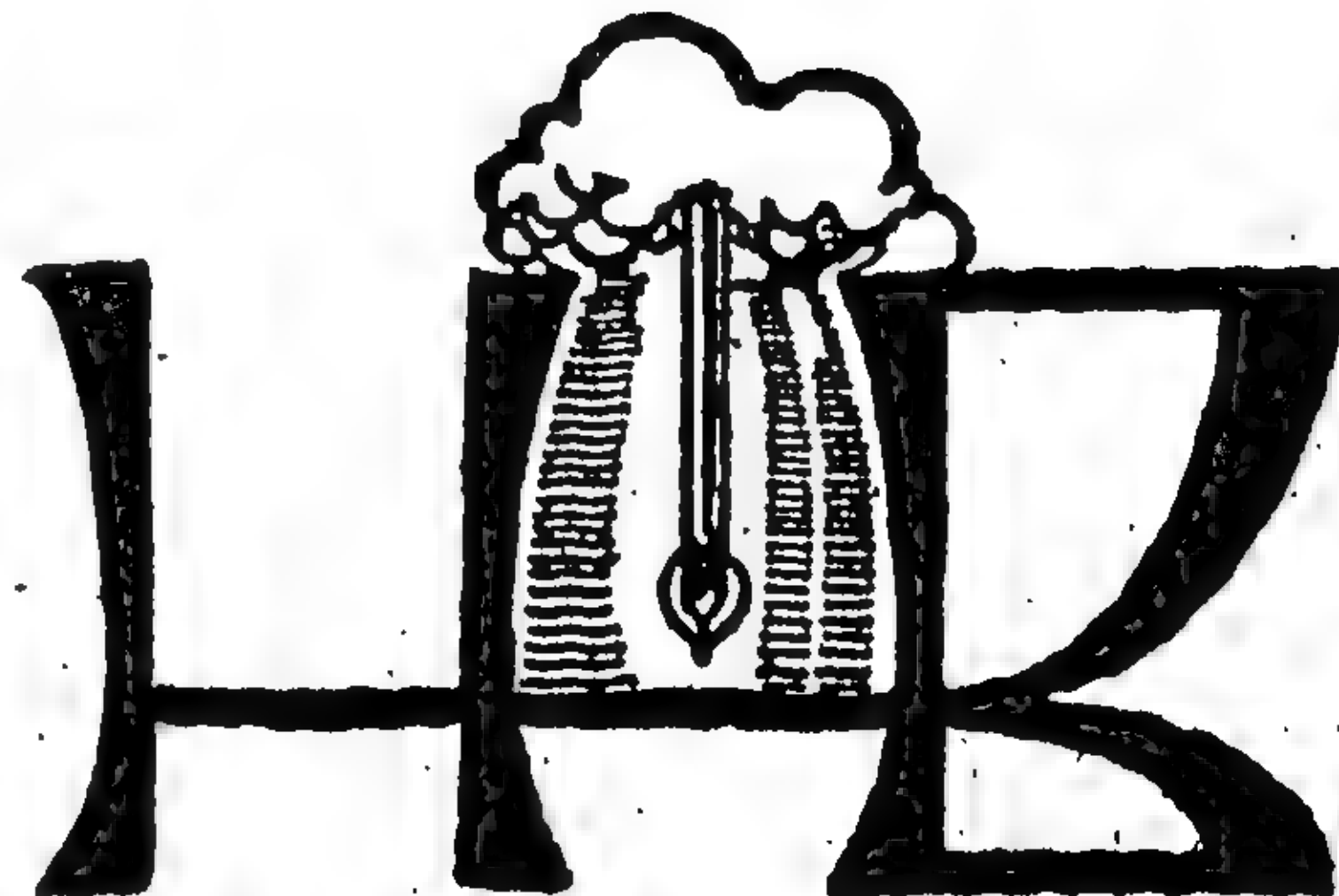
German Balkan Strength

According to neutral diplomatic quarters at Istanbul, the German army on the Graeco/Bulgarian border has been increased in order to counter the British landings in Greece.

This increase in troop concentrations is leading to the belief in Istanbul that the German army intends to strike against Salonika during the next few days.

British quarters at Istanbul declared that the Imperial troops who have taken up positions in Greece are fully ready to repulse any advance whenever and wherever it takes place. — International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Swift Approval Of Huge Money Vote For Aid Sought

"SARAH SIMPLE"

Antidote To War Worries

The gay inconsequence of "Sarah Simple" is an admirable antidote to war worries and grass-widower broodings, and the keen appreciation of the large audience at last night's dress rehearsal augurs happily for the full success of the new A.D.C. production.

The author's conception is light and airy and in the hands of the A.D.C. these qualities are carefully preserved. In fact, A.A. Milne's whimsical style of humour has seldom been given better effect.

The acting honours are shared equally by Sheila Mackinlay and Claude Burgess. Sheila Mackinlay improves at every appearance and those who have had the pleasure of seeing her in earlier A.D.C. shows will not fail to comment upon her versatility.

Mr. Burgess's rendering of a husband with his head in the clouds provoked continuous laughter.

Day Sage as Marianne handled an unsympathetic part with confidence and competence, and one of the high spots of the entertainment was William Kirby's interpretation of the waiter, a role which might easily have passed without remark.

The producer's name seems to have been kept a secret, but he deserves a full share of the bouquets.

"OR REPUTATION OF U.S.A. WILL SUFFER"

THE UNITED STATES House of Representatives yesterday began the debate on the \$7,000,000,000 Aid to Britain appropriation, and was confronted with a tersely worded warning from the Appropriations Committee that this huge appropriation must quickly be approved or the reputation of the United States among nations would suffer.

The note coincided with Mr. Churchill's reference in London yesterday to submarines and to Nazi battle-cruisers operating on the United States side of the Atlantic.

FRENCH DESTROYER IN RESCUE

A Free French destroyer operating in British waters recently rescued the crew of a British merchant steamer torpedoed by a German submarine.

A communique issued last night by Free French Headquarters in London states that the captain and crew of the British ship praised their French comrades and stressed that they displayed magnificent courage during the rescue operations and offered most generous hospitality aboard the French warship. — Reuter.

The note requested the House to approve the Bill with a single change. This is that any article procured under the Bill shall be retained by the United States Government at the President's discretion, instead of being sent to a foreign government, if this is considered necessary for United States defence.

The accidental revaluation of two items in the proposed aid expenditure was made during the debate.

During the course of the debate a Representative mentioned the purchase of \$50,000,000 worth of tobacco.

Money for this purpose will come from an allocation of 1.35 billion dollars earmarked for agricultural and other commodities.

Further Items

It is understood a list of further items exists but President Roosevelt does not wish to make it public.

As the information given above was revealed accidentally, it is not being suppressed but it will be struck off the House of Representatives' records. — Reuter.

WOMAN WALKS INTO TROUBLE

A Chinese woman who took her 17-year-old adopted daughter to the Hunghom Police Station with the intention of asking help from the police because the girl had stayed away from home for one night, unexpectedly found herself detained on a charge of failing to report the possession of a ward.

The woman Liu Po-kum, 44, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning and was fined \$20.

At the police station, the girl admitted that she had stayed away from home for one night, she said that she had been beaten by the woman to whom she was presented by her mother six years ago for \$80.

CONGRATULATIONS TO INDIAN TROOPS

The Indian Princes Chamber yesterday recorded the heartiest gratification over the victories in Albania and Africa and pride in the magnificent part of the Indian troops.

They assured of their determination to continue their best efforts for victory. — Reuter.

CARNARVON BUILDING ROBBERY

Mr. W. J. Falker, Deputy Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon and New Territories, has reported the theft of jewellery and money from his residence, No. 9, Carnarvon Building, during Monday night.

AMBUSH ON N.W. FRONTIER

One Indian officer and one Indian other rank were killed and one British officer and two Indian other ranks wounded when a staff car was ambushed on the Bannu-Mirali road, says Reuter from New Delhi.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN

President Roosevelt revealed yesterday that he has asked the Public Health Service to prepare a list of foods, including vitamins, needed by Britain and the other Democracies.

Most of the food to be furnished, he said, would be sent to Britain, but the other Democracies were involved and also Spain.

The President added that the Red Cross was completing arrangements for two cargoes of food to be sent to unoccupied France. — Reuter.

AMERICAN SQUADRON TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

Mr. Fadden, acting Prime Minister of Australia, announced last night that the United States naval squadron of seven warships which has just visited New Zealand on a training cruise will arrive in Sydney to-morrow.

"Its visit," he said, "will give us a splendid opportunity to show how open-heartedly we can receive and entertain the representatives of a nation which, through its leader, has so plainly declared to the world that it is our friend in this war."

Parliament is adjourning until next Tuesday to enable Ministers and members to attend official functions being arranged in celebration of the visit.

THE SQUADRON, COMMANDED BY REAR-ADMIRAL NEWTON, WILL COMPRISE THE CRUISERS CHICAGO (FLAGSHIP) AND PORTLAND, THE FLOTILLA LEADER CLERK AND THE DESTROYERS CASSIN, CONYNGHAM, FOWNE, AND REID. THE SHIPS ARE AMONG THE MOST MODERN IN THE U.S. NAVY. — REUTER.

GUILTY BUT INSANE VERDICT

AT THE CRIMINAL Sessions this morning Lo Kung Yin, alias Lo Yick, described as a free-lance journalist, was found insane by the jury and ordered to be detained in custody during His Excellency the Governor's pleasure.

Lo Kung-yin was charged with the murder of his three-month old infant son by throwing him from the top floor of No. 76 Marble Street on December 5.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective-Inspector W. N. Darkin, was for the Crown and accused was represented by Mr. Harold Lee, instructed by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

Mr. Lee said that he had to plead a special defence in that accused

was not able to understand the charge and was not able to plead. Two doctors had certified that accused was suffering from confusional insanity.

Acted Childish

Dr. C. W. Lam gave evidence and said that he was in charge of the Mental Home and had accused under his observation for some time. Accused was suffering from confusional insanity and at times appeared to be rational and at others acted very childish and was not able to follow things.

In reply to Mr. Murphy, witness said that he examined accused yesterday, and that in his opinion accused might probably not be able to plead to the indictment. When seen in December accused appeared rational and at times foolish.

Dr. Thomas said that he was Medical Officer of the Mental Home. He had accused under observation for two periods of over six weeks. He was of opinion that accused's mental state was one of confusion. At certain periods when spoken to he could understand and speak quite coherently while at times he would forget what had just been said and his behaviour would be curious.

In reply to the Chief Justice, witness said that accused could not keep a sustained or intelligent interest in the trial.

After His Lordship had addressed the jury they returned a verdict of insanity.

The jury was composed of Messrs. H. H. Scott (Foreman), Chan Hing-cheung, Cheung Kwok-chu, R. M. Roberts, J. A. V. Riberio, Tang Chan-po and W. A. Sprinkle.

NOTICE

AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE MRS. H. K. PISSAREVSKY, THE OFFICE OF DODGE & SEYMOUR, LTD., WILL BE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON.

SECRET HEARING WAR FIGURES REVEALED

EVIDENCE GIVEN by the United States Defence Chief at last week's secret hearings before the National Defence Committee was released in Washington yesterday, as the House of Representatives began to debate on the British aid appropriations.

The statement of the Director-General of Defence, Mr. William Knudsen, showed that Britain financed 61 manufacturing plants out of 784 available or in preparation for the production of defence materials.

The statement of the Budget-Director gave a comprehensive view of Britain's war expenditure in the United States.

The total existing British orders, says Mr. Smith's statement, aggregate 2.7 billion dollars.

Payment of 1.68 billion dollars had been made.

All goods delivered to Britain have been paid for and usually a 25 per cent. deposit was paid in cash with the order.

The remaining liabilities will be met from Britain's existing dollar resources.

No Further Commitments

The statement says that the British Government has not adequate funds to meet additional commitments but none have been proposed.

The United States seven billion dollars British aid appropriation would be used to pay for orders placed by Britain before the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill.

At the beginning of the current year British holdings included 816 million dollars in marketable securities and nine

billion dollars in less easily marketable investments.

Nominal Value

The nominal value of United Kingdom investments in Canada was two billion dollars and South America 3.5 billion dollars. The market value, said Smith, was much less than nominal value.

Also, at the beginning of the current year, Britain had 292-million dollars and 54 million dollars of the official dollar balances, and 305 million dollars of private balances.

Britain had given capital assistance totalling 171 million dollars to United States defence plants in connection with orders for planes.

Empire Expenditure

The monthly war expenditure of Canada, Australia, Africa, New Zealand, India, the United Kingdom, was billion dollars, of which the United Kingdom accounted for billions.

During the current fiscal year Canada was expected to spend 1.4 billion dollars in the war effort. — Reuter.

EUROPE'S UNITED STATES

Britain's Programme For A New Order

Different From Nazi Conceptions

ALF AHLBERG, writing in the "Dagens Nyheter" of Stockholm, examines Britain's plans for Europe after the war with the sub-heading "Europe's United States."

The writer declares that Britain also is fighting for a New Order in Europe and that although nothing has yet been definitely stated, it is clear that the British desire to see Europe united as a federation of States under a super-national organisation.

The historical pattern for this is the United States.

After the last war the European nations tried to form a union but without sacrificing the smallest part of their sovereignty. Furthermore the League of Nations had no armed forces of its own. The League was a group of loosely linked states. This system can no longer work because a sovereign State in a modern world is fiction.

Everything is interdependent and the only choice now is between chaos or organised union under super-national control.

Those are the broad outlines of the Anglo-Saxon aims although details are still subject to discussion between H. G. Wells, Clarence Street, Harold Nicolson and others.

No Small Matter

Kurt Anderson, writing in the "Social Demokraten," examines the Lend-Lease and Lend Law, deeming that Roosevelt's Bill was no small matter. It was expected that the Bill would be badly mutilated before being approved but that was not the case and the majority was sensationally big.

Having signed the Bill, President Roosevelt has been to take action under the new powers. American measures show that there can be no more talk of blitzkrieg.

Naval Aid

The Axis Powers for a long time belittled American help but recently the "Messaggero" has frankly admitted the importance of American help.

The German press has not openly expressed an opinion so far, but it is admitted in Berlin that American help may lengthen the war—clearly they expect it to reach England, otherwise the war would not be lengthened.

American naval circles are now discussing giving Britain greater naval help. The Axis Powers have a new enemy with vast economic and industrial resources.—Reuter.

HEAVY ATTACK ON TRIPOLI

A heavy attack was made by the R.A.F. on Tripoli harbour on Sunday night.

THE MOLE, SHIPS AND QUAYS WERE BOMBED AND LARGE FIRES STARTED IN HANGARS AND MILITARY STORES WHILE EXPLOSIONS WERE SEEN IN THE RAILWAY DEPOT AND NEAR THE WIRELESS STATION.

An R.A.F. communiqué announcing this also states that the R.A.F. continued its activity in the Keren (Eritrea) area.—Reuter.

MR. GANDHI'S AIDE ARRESTED

Mr. Gandhi's secretary, recently released from goal is reported to have been arrested yesterday under the Defence of India Rules, says a Reuter message from New Delhi.

GERMANY HESITATES

Diplomatic action is proceeding with the object of reaching an understanding between Germany and Turkey, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper "Allehanda."

The correspondent adds it is generally believed that Germany is hesitating to take action against Greece pending greater certainty as to Turkey's attitude.

Authoritative circles in Berlin, he states, refuse to express an opinion as to whether President Ince's reply to Hitler is considered satisfactory or otherwise.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI GIFT TO DISTRESS FUND

The sum of £1,000 from the Central British War Fund in Shanghai, among contributions received in London yesterday, makes the total of the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund £2,286,000.—Reuter.

PILOTS OF EAGLE SQUADRON EAGER FOR ACTION

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent At An R.A.F. Fighter Station)

PILOTS, ANXIOUS TO debunk a quip that they are the glamour boys of the R.A.F. and whose sole desire is to make their squadron one of which Britain and America will be proud, form the personnel of the American Eagle Squadron which I visited yesterday.

No Nazi plane came their way while I was there. The enemy no longer takes up all their time over Britain and the squadron have yet to bring down their first victim as a squadron.

Recruits are coming in fast enough to form a second Eagle Squadron and are now completing operation training in England.

The squadron's tale of impatient longing to get at the enemy, is now the cry of many hundreds of veteran British and Allied fighter pilots, whose ranks these young Americans have joined.

The Hurricanes with which they are equipped will help the

ACCIDENTAL BOMBING IN YUGOSLAVIA

The British Government has expressed regret for an incident which occurred on the night of December 21, when bombs fell on the Yugoslav frontier town of Souchak, says an official statement issued in Belgrade yesterday.

The British Government expressed "their deep regret to the Yugoslav Government for this involuntary incident, stating that they were ready to pay just compensation for damage to persons and property."—Reuter.

GERMAN VESSEL TORPEDOED

Coastal Command aircraft torpedoed and sank a large enemy supply vessel on Monday night off the Frisian Islands, it was officially announced in London yesterday.—Reuter.

The German supply ship formed part of a convoy picked up by a reconnaissance bomber.

The pilot attacked the largest vessel from close range and his torpedo struck on the port beam. A heavy explosion from the ship was followed by flames, and debris was flung in the air.

The vessel sank rapidly by the bows and was stern up when the bomber flew away after machine-gunning all other ships in the convoy.—British Wireless.

RECORD BRITISH AIRCRAFT OUTPUT

More aircraft, both bombers and fighters, were produced in Britain during the short month of February than in any previous month during the war.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.—Reuter.

R.A.F. AGAIN RAIDS BREMEN

Numerous explosions and fires were observed in dock and industrial areas at Bremen and Wilhelmshaven, bombed by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Monday night.

THE AIR MINISTRY ALSO STATES THAT A LARGE FIRE WAS STARTED IN PETROL STORAGE TANKS AT ROTTERDAM, AND A SINGLE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED EMDEN-OLDENBURG.

One enemy night fighter was shot down in flames during these operations.

No British aircraft is missing from all these operations.—Reuter.

DONOVAN BACK FROM TOUR

COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE," ARRIVED IN NEW YORK BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTER A 26,000-MILE TOUR OF THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN WAR ZONES.

Col. Donovan said he obtained information which he was hopeful would be of value to the United States in the preparation of her own defences.—Reuter.

DEATH OF A CHILD

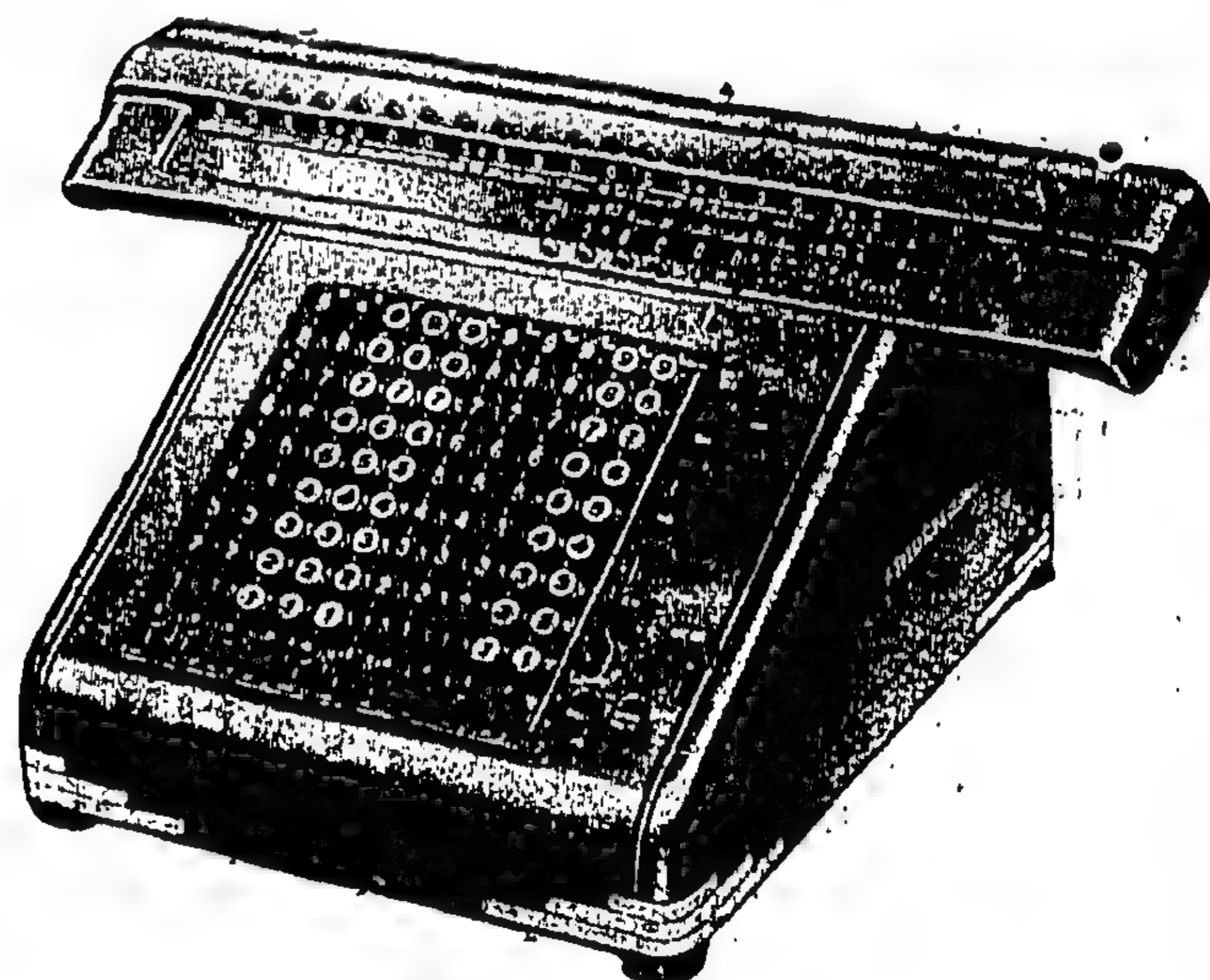
The body of a seven-year-old Chinese girl was removed to the Kowloon Public mortuary yesterday.

The parents stated that the child fell ill after having a tooth extracted by a dentist in Hung Hom on Sunday, and died yesterday.

A post-mortem examination will be held to-day.

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THAILAND ENTHUSES OVER PEACE TERMS

OFFICIAL COMMENTS in Bangkok unanimously hail the peace terms with Indo-China as a success for Thailand and emphasise Thailand's gratitude to Japan, though a section of the press hints that Thailand expected something better.

The Premier, Luang Pibula Songgram, appealing to the public to celebrate the "successful conclusion" of the Tokyo conference, says Japan untiringly executed her task with efficiency, thoroughness and a strict maintenance of justice for the sake of peace in this part of the world.

He added: "When someone does us a good deed we for ever appreciate and cherish it in our memory."

A Thailand Foreign Ministry communique declares that Japanese mediation brought Thailand a square deal.

The "Bangkok Chronicle," Thai-owned daily in English, says that though it may be felt the territorial gains are slightly below expectations, this is an occasion for national rejoicing. The vernacular "Prajamit" says France ceded only a small portion of the territory lost to her by Thailand but Thailand is thankful to Japan for her mediation.

Prestige Restored

The "Supab Bureus" says Thailand's prestige has been restored in the eyes of European nations.

The "Thai Mail" says the treaty is satisfactory. Japan is the most powerful nation in the East and she can protect all other Eastern nations against aggression. "She is always our best friend."

Meanwhile the Premier visited the Japanese Minister, Mr. Futima, yesterday afternoon and thanked Japan.

This was the first time the Premier had called at the Japanese Legation since assuming office over two years ago. — Reuter.

ESTATE DUTY ORDINANCE

The first reading of the Bill amending the rates of Estate Duty will be taken in Legislative Council tomorrow.

WAR OF NERVES

The German Foreign Office spokesman is now refusing to answer questions about Germany's intentions towards Greece, writes the Berlin correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "Ya."

SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE CORRESPONDENT ADDS, A BIG PRESS AND RADIO CAMPAIGN AGAINST GREECE IS GOING ON.

It is regarded in Berlin as a sign that the Greek situation is now in the hands of the military. Current reports in the German capital say that 300,000 British troops are in Greece. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI TRAMWAY STRIKE

THE ENTIRE TRAM AND BUS SERVICES IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION IN SHANGHAI HAVE BEEN STANDSTILLED OWING TO A SUDDEN STRIKE OF DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS THIS MORNING, SHORTLY AFTER THE MEN HAD PRESENTED A SERIES OF DEMANDS FOR MORE PAY AND RICE ALLOWANCE.

Dissatisfied with the company's reply that the demands would be considered, the men deserted the vehicles while on the road, with the result that the Concession's streets are now blocked for miles by rows of stationary, empty trams and buses. — Reuter.

DESPATCH RIDER IN ACCIDENT

A 70-year-old Chinese was accidentally knocked down by a military motor-cycle yesterday in King Edward Road and admitted to hospital. The cycle was driven by a soldier of the Middlesex Regiment.

CHUNGKING RAID

After a long respite Japanese bombers yesterday resumed air raids on Chungking in a two-hour attack, between 11.15 a.m. and 1.22 p.m.

Eighteen enemy planes took part in two batches of 9 each. Kept at a high altitude by anti-aircraft fire, the first batch of 9 raiders dumped three dozen bombs on the suburbs, causing negligible damage.

The second batch broke through and flew over a part of the city. The raiders dropped no bombs on the city proper, but occasionally strafed the streets with machine guns. Central News.

TO BE MARRIED

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Mr. Ng Ting, of Civil Servant and Miss Cheuk Shun Wan, teacher, of No. 4 Yim Po Fong Street.

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



THROWN INTO THE HARBOUR

That an Indian private watchman, Lahora Singh, who attempted to arrest three thieves, who were stealing charcoal from a junk in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter yesterday morning, was picked up and thrown into the Harbour, was mentioned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at Kowloon this morning, when Ng He-24 was sentenced to four months' hard labour for stealing 53 cwt. of charcoal.

At 8.30 a.m. yesterday while he was on duty the watchman saw three Chinese, including accused, taking charcoal from junk. When he approached them he was picked up by two of the men, not arrested, and thrown into the Harbour.

The Indian, however, managed to swim ashore and arrested accused with the assistance of a district watchman in Soy Street. Accused was carrying one sack of charcoal when he was arrested.

At the request of Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning remanded three Chinese for 48 hours on a charge of possession of a toy pistol and two knives for an unlawful purpose in Hung Hom district.

DROP IN REVENUE AT "THE LIDO"

THAT EVACUATION had caused a drop in patronage of the Lido was mentioned at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, held this morning, with Mr. E. M. Raymond in the chair.

The Chairman said: The profit for the year under review amounted to \$62,473.74, which added to the amount of \$29,246.33 brought forward from the preceding year, makes the sum of \$91,720.07 available for appropriation; the recommendation of your Board in this connection is to pay a dividend of thirty cents per share involving \$60,000, and to carry forward the remaining balance to the 1941 Account. The profit for the year 1940 of \$62,473.74 shows a decrease of approximately \$20,000 compared with the profit realised in 1939, which is accounted for by dividends on investments showing a decline of some \$7,700, and a debit balance of working account of \$2,179.91 compared to a credit balance of \$13,359.72 in the preceding year. The debit balance referred to reflects the comparative drop in revenue at the Repulse Bay "Lido" and rental receipts from the Company's adjacent bungalows; earnings in respect of both these departments were well maintained up to the time of the evacuation measures

undertaken in July of the past year, after which patronage dwindled and several of the bungalows became vacant, full occupancy having recently been reached only as a result of rental reductions being effected.

Air-Conditioning

The Balance Sheet records capital additions to the "Lido" Building, Furniture, Fixtures, and Plant and Machinery during the year under review, the major portion of this expenditure having been incurred in connection with the Restaurant; the installation of air conditioning units therein provided a much appreciated amenity to its patrons. No particular comment appears to be necessary on other items in the Balance Sheet.

It is with regret I have to report the resignation of Mr. J. H. Taggart from the Board of Directors of this Company. Mr. Taggart sponsored the Company's promotion and had been its Managing Director for the 18 years since its inception; only continued ill health rendered his resignation necessary, and on behalf of this Board, with whom I feel sure Shareholders will also desire to be associated, I take this opportunity of publicly expressing warmest thanks to him for the valuable and essential services he at all times rendered the Company and also to convey heartfelt wishes for his speedy return to good health.

Lido Losing Money?

Seconding the adoption of the accounts, Mr. C. C. Blake, asked the Chairman: "May I ask if the Lido is still losing money and what was the actual amount lost last year?"

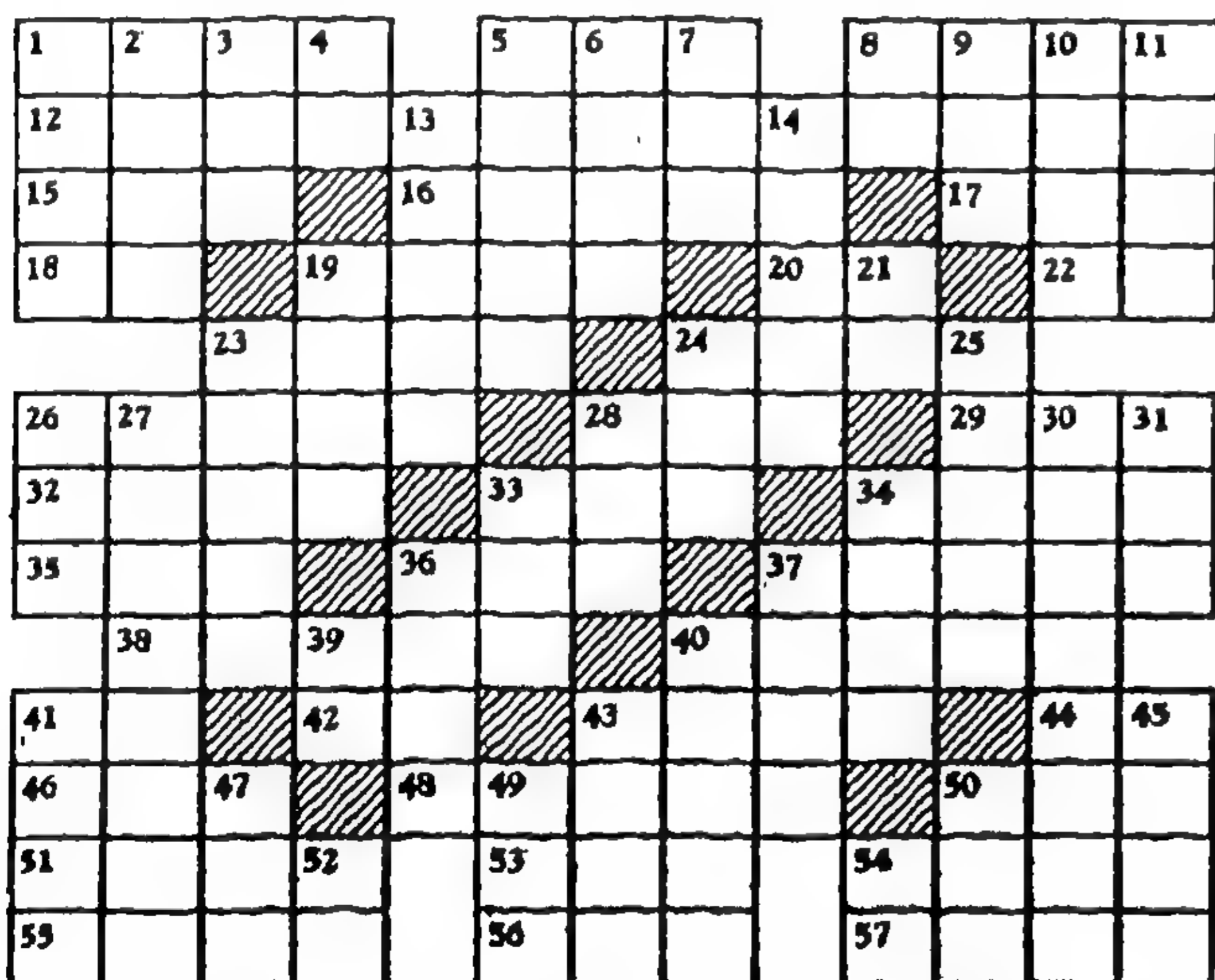
The Chairman replied: "I am afraid I cannot give you this information until after the meeting."

Mr. L. Jack then proposed the re-election of the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow and Mr. P. K. Kwok as directors, and the appointment of Mr. P. H. Suckling as Managing Director in place of Mr. J. H. Taggart who resigned owing to ill-health.

Mr. A. E. Eca proposed the re-election of Messrs. Linstead and Davis as Auditors and was seconded by Mr. C. C. Blake. Both proposals were carried unanimously.

Those present included Mr. E. M. Raymond, (Chairman), Mr. P. K. Kwok and the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, (Directors), Mr. J. H. Taggart, O.B.E. (Managing Director), Mr. F. C. Barry (Secretary), Messrs. C. C. Blake, J. E. Kote-wall, L. Jack and Mr. A. E. Eca (Shareholders).

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Plane surface
- 5 Confusion
- 8 Peruvian Indian
- 12 Apparent enlargement of an object by an optical instrument
- 15 Indo-Chinese tree
- 16 Thong
- 17 Weight
- 18 Symbol for sodium
- 19 To the sheltered side
- 20 Pronoun
- 22 Colloquial: father
- 23 Winged
- 24 Discovery
- 26 Billiard shot
- 28 To spread for drying
- 29 Former Turkish title
- 32 To incite
- 33 Price
- 34 At all
- 35 Prefix in favour of
- 36 To hasten
- 37 Threepence
- 38 Anaesthetic
- 40 Hackneyed
- 41 While
- 42 Land measure

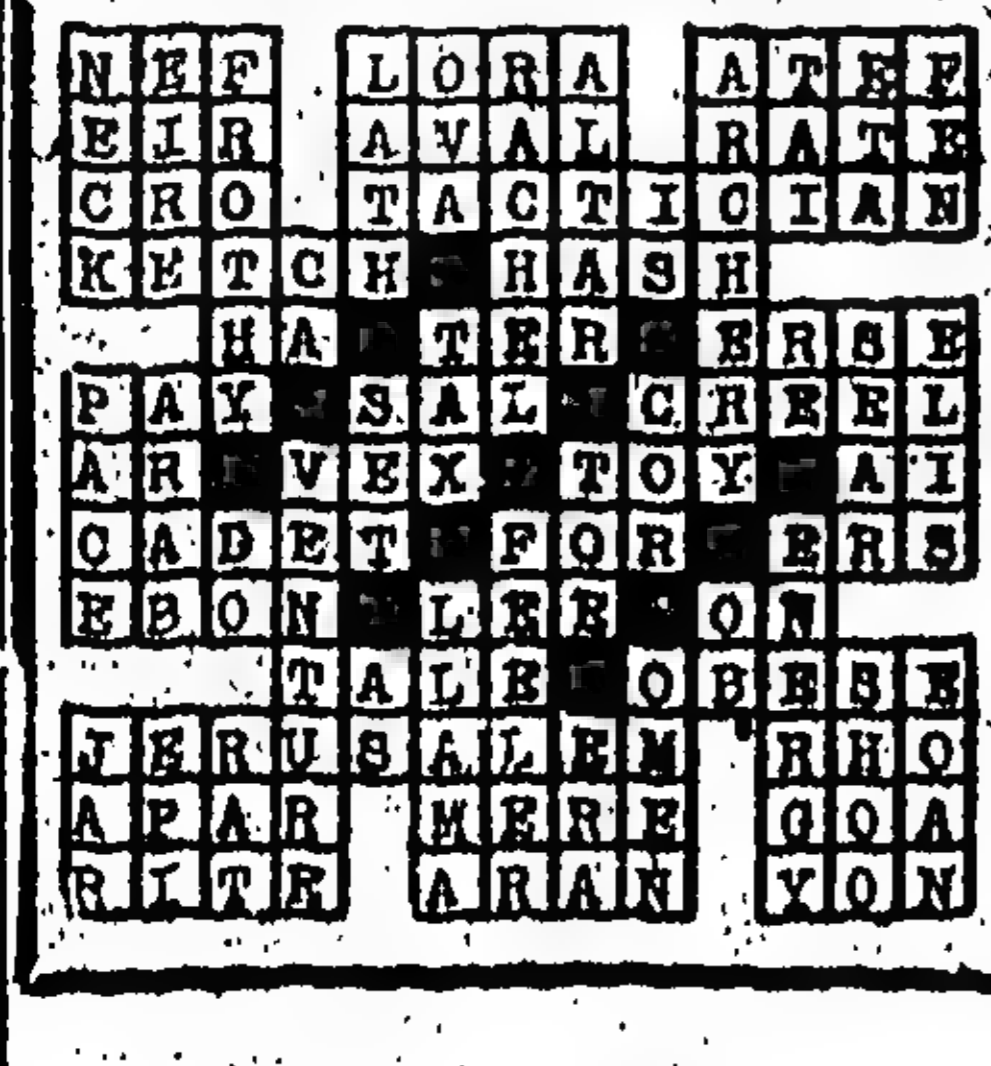
VERTICAL

- 1 So be it
- 2 Hindu princess
- 3 Ovum
- 4 Article
- 5 Subsequent to
- 6 Dreadful
- 7 Peruvian tuber

VERTICAL

- 8 Pronoun
- 9 Insect egg
- 10 Enclosure
- 11 Girl's name
- 13 The Mohammedan religion
- 14 Insect
- 19 Fibre plant
- 21 Printer's measure
- 23 Slang
- 24 Charge
- 25 Ship's crane
- 26 Container
- 27 Taken into custody
- 28 Gaffer's mound
- 30 Liberal
- 31 Part of "to be"
- 33 Evergreen tree
- 34 Goddess of discord
- 36 Pronoun
- 37 To clip
- 38 Interjection
- 40 To delay
- 41 South-African fox
- 43 Sullen
- 45 The dill
- 47 Gone by
- 49 Child
- 50 Guido's high note
- 52 Sacred Hindu word
- 54 Compass point

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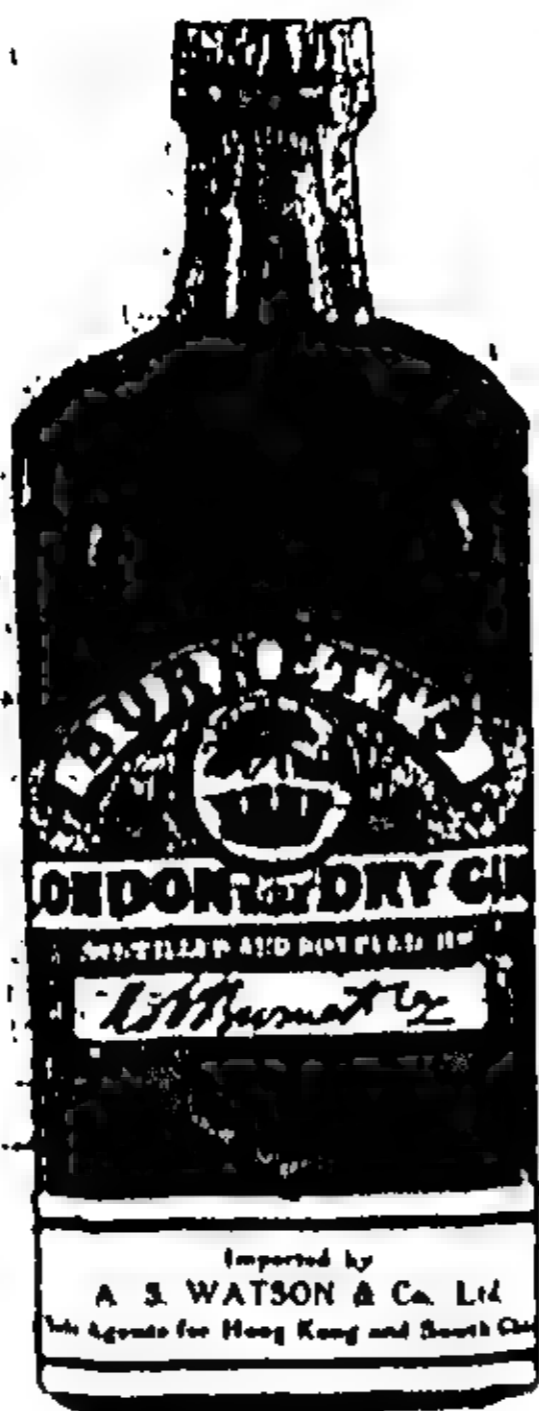
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U.S. AMBASSADOR ON THE DEFENCE OF FREEDOM'S FRONTIER

MR. JOHN WINANT, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, speaking at the Pilgrims' Society luncheon in London yesterday, stressed that the policies upon which to-day the peoples of the United States and Britain were being drawn together in face of the common peril were policies to which the American people as a whole had solemnly committed themselves.

It was this great public in the United States, in factories, shipyards and farms, who would build arsenals and granaries for Democracy's defence and provide arms for those everywhere who with their lives were defending freedom's frontiers.

Freedom was not the cause of any one nation or group of nations. It was the cause of all men everywhere. Its history was the history of civilisation to which all nations—not excepting those now enthralled by the Dictators had made their notable contributions in the past.

Every Tenet

But never in any struggle between barbarism and civilisation had so much been at stake. Nazism had called into question every tenet in the faith of civilised man. The world had known tyranny before but never a tyranny more cruel and absolute or as relentlessly organised.

For Nazism had stolen and run amok with great inventions of free and inquiring minds and had set about using them not to liberate but to enslave the human spirit.

In the struggle against the Nazis the people of Britain held the front line but it did not stand alone. The Dominions and Colonies were mustering their forces. America, as President Roosevelt said last Saturday night, "has gone into action."

It was mobilising with ever-growing speed its tremendous resources to make available the sinews of war.

On every continent and in every country, wherever there were men and women who valued freedom, Britain had friends and allies.

Britain's Victory

Even to-day throughout Europe there were legions who yearned for Britain's victory which meant freedom for them as well.

The great mass of common men the world over, Mr. Winant declared, were not deceived by the Nazis' talk of a new order. They realised there was no order or security in tyranny.

They wanted what the British people wanted. They wanted what the American people wanted. They wanted a friendly civilised world of free peoples.

They knew that the peoples of the world were never and were not now destined for subjugation to the will of others and that there was no people or race charged with responsibility or endowed with ability to dominate the world. They had not lost faith in individual liberty and the democratic way of life.

They were not content to be deprived of those freedoms which they knew to be essential to the welfare of man and they knew those freedoms could be won only by a British victory.

Fear The Cause

Commenting on the fact that the growing interdependence of nations, which should have led to cooperation and harmony, instead now witnessed civilisation at the edge of catastrophe, the Ambassador analysed fear as the cause.

In an interdependent world men must cooperate or dominate or perish. Cooperation called for courage. Fear that their neighbours

might seek to dominate them blinded men to their true interests and, taking counsel from fear and not from courage, they sought first to dominate their neighbours.

Dictators and demagogues exploited those fears, not to give freedom but to enslave. Such fears could be overcome only in the cooperation of free nations.

New Spirit Abroad

He ended: "The road ahead is hard. Lost years are gone. A new spirit is abroad. Free peoples are again cooperating to win a free world and no tyranny can frustrate their hopes."

Those who now suffer and die in this effort do so for the common good of the free peoples of the earth who shall follow after them and who, with the help of God, shall build from these sacrifices a citadel of freedom so strong that force may never again seek its destruction.—British Wireless.

FURTHER POSTAL CASES

THIRTEEN SHOP MASTERS AND MANAGERS WERE SUMMONED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, FOR ATTEMPTING TO SEND LETTERS OUT OF THE COLONY OTHER THAN THROUGH THE POST OFFICE.

The accused were:—

Messrs. Hung On-to, of 73, Jervois Street; Li Yam-nam, of No. 74, Jervois Street; Kwok Chuk-wah, of 45 Bonham Strand East; Lam Kee-tak, of 15, Bonham Strand West; Lai Ming-tong, of 8, Hillyer Street; Tung Chung-wai, of 11, Bonham Strand; who Wai-pui, of 33, Jervois Street; Wong Wing-kam, 19, Jervois Street; Leung Cho, of No. 225, Wing Lok Street; Hu Keng-yan, of 225, Wing Lok Street, first floor; Hon Shum-kwong, of 68, Bonham Strand West; Pun Kwai-ping, of 269, Des Voeux Road Central; and Ip Pui of 6, New Market Street.

Mr. C. D'Almada is appearing for all defendants.

Hearing was fixed for March 25, at 11 a.m.

Mr. D. W. Fitches, of the General Post Office, is in charge of the prosecution.

BLACKOUT CASE

Mr. F. C. Herridge, secretary of Loxley and Company, York Building, Chater Road, was fined \$25 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for a breach of the Blackout Regulations on February 27.

Detective Sergeant H. B. Dewar said that a light was unscreened in the company's godown in Duddell Street.

GERMAN-AIRMEN'S BOAST

Messages from a neutral source in Rome quote German pilots sight-seeing in the Italian capital as having said that they will take Malta within two weeks.

They admit heavy losses, however, in their efforts in the Mediterranean and say their two best dive-bombing pilots are dead.

UNREGISTERED DOCTOR FINED

Wong Yuet-wan, 35, described as a woman doctor, of room No. 11, Ho Tung Building, Queen's Road Central, was fined \$500, or two months' simple imprisonment, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for practicing medicine or surgery when not being a registered medical practitioner.

A charge of unlawful possession of poison was withdrawn owing to lack of evidence.

It was stated that a Chinese woman was sent to accused's office on March 3. Accused examined her and gave her Chinese medicine and an injection in the hip, the charge for which was \$10. Accused told the woman to return the next day for another injection. The following day, the Police accompanied the woman, and arrested accused.

Defendant told the Court that she was registered in Canton, and that she did not know the regulations of the Colony.

BURGLAR SENTENCED

Chau Chi, 26, unemployed, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with attempting to commit burglary at No. 7, Lee Yuen Street East, first floor, early yesterday morning, with possession of a house breaking instrument; and with being in possession of stolen property. Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes told the Court that when defendant was arrested he had in his possession, a cheque for \$300, and the bit of a drill. Defendant admitted that he stole the cheque from a house in Pak Kong Village, Nam Hoi District, Canton, during the Japanese invasion on February 18.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

THEFT FROM A WIDOW

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Yeung Kwan-lau, 19, unemployed, by Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing \$1,300 (Chinese currency), and \$300 (Hong Kong money), from a 41-year-old widow, Leung Hoi, at No. 10, Kwai Wah Lane, second floor, on February 21.

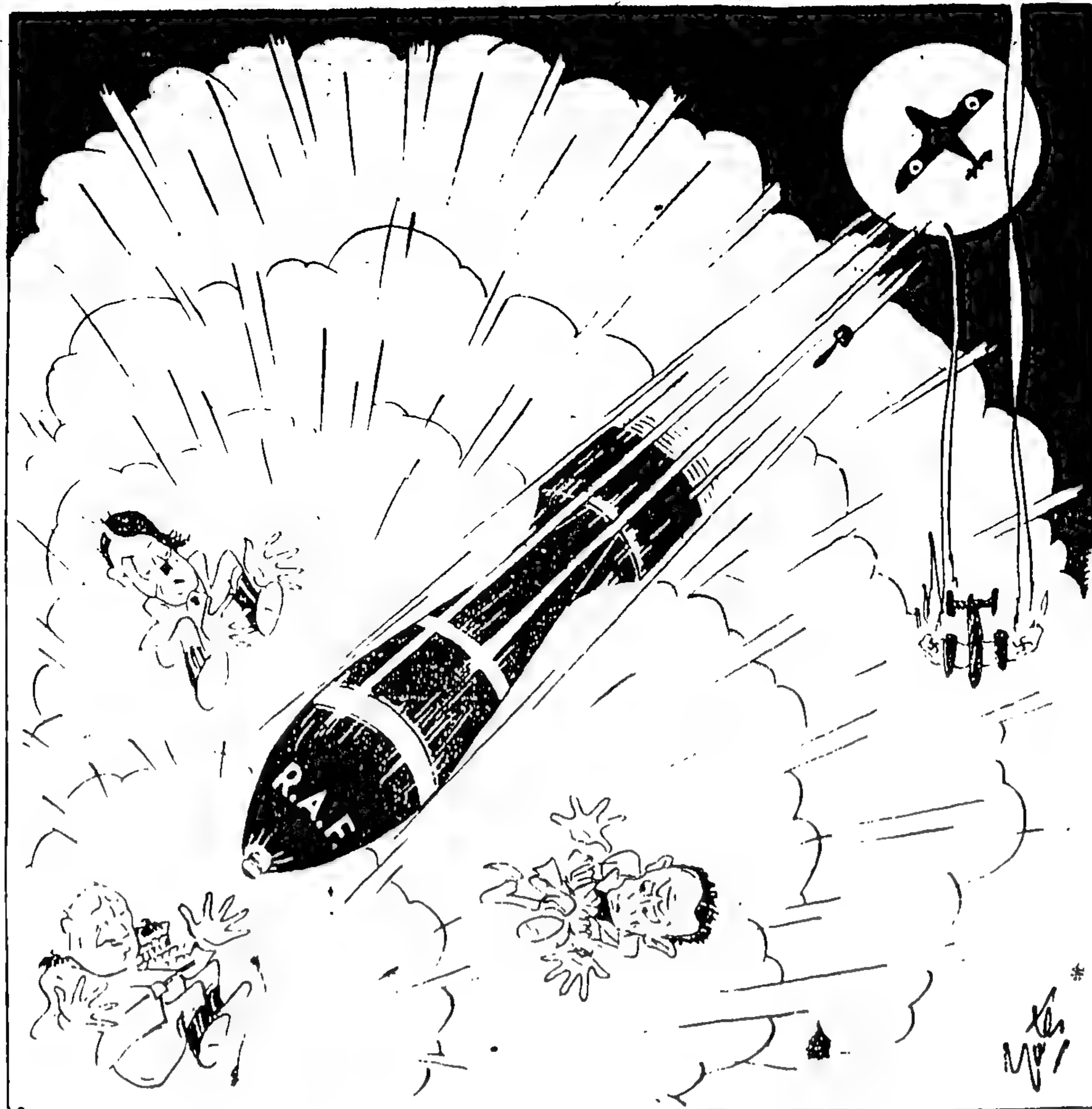
Detective Sergeant Willison told the Court that on February 21, defendant went into complainant's room and stole the money, which was in a box. Defendant told the Court that he spent the money in brothels.

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AMERICA AND THE SEA WAR

Hitler so regularly uses words to mask his real purposes that it would not be safe to draw the conclusion, from his recent speeches, that the great German offensive of this Spring is to be primarily a sea and not a land war. But of one thing we may be certain. Whether or not he tries to invade England, whether or not he launches a campaign in the Mediterranean, even if he embarks upon both these adventures simultaneously, he will in any case enormously intensify his war against Britain on the sea. He will do this because the whole British effort to resist him and defeat him is dependent upon keeping open the lines of communication for indispensable supplies. There is no reason to doubt Hitler's assurance that this has been a busy Winter in the German shipyards; that "new types" of submarines have been developed; that efficient crews have been trained to man them. With the whole coast of Europe from Narvik to Bordeaux in German hands, with French ports far out in the Atlantic itself available as bases for operations, we are sure to see this Spring the greatest mass attack on British shipping that Germany has ever undertaken.

The threat of that attack is a challenge to America as well as to Britain. It has been repeated in Berlin since the adoption of the lease-lend bill. Through that measure it is possible for the President to transfer to British command, swiftly and without dubious interpretation of existing law, destroyers which the British may need desperately in order to cope with Germany's new submarines. At the same time, there are other steps that are to be taken. All necessary priorities — precedence over everything but long-range bombers, which can be delivered under their own momentum — are to be given the new programme of merchant-shipbuilding which Congress has already authorised. America is also considering whether she can afford to continue to permit merchant ships already built to fritter away their usefulness carrying luxury goods; whether the



MOONSTRUCK!

Propaganda Pattern

Imagine that finest flower of modern propaganda — a Nazi mass-meeting, held any time before the outbreak of the present war. The vast hall, impressively draped and lit; the expectant crowds, worked into a state of hysteria by a couple of hours of martial music and community-singing; the bands of uniformed, marching youths carrying banners; the great climax of that breathless moment when the lights dim, and a blazing spot-light picks out the lonely figure of the Fuehrer, stepping from behind black curtains

time has not come for the American Government to take over these ships, with fair compensation to their present owners, and place them under British registry.

Hitler boasted on Monday that he still has power to strangle Britain.

It is, however, already being hinted in Washington that the United States, producing guns and shells and tanks and planes for Britain, do not intend to make these finely finished weapons only to have them sunk in the Atlantic Ocean. The most significant omission from the President's speech was absence of the phrase "all aid short of war." The fact is America is in it. By one means or another the supplies will reach England.

like a priest from the outer darkness; the last ecstasy when the receptive mass is swept away by his fierce oratory into an orgy of hatred against all who have "betrayed Germany."

Analyse this performance into its ingredients, and it will be found that success is due to three conditions. The speaker succeeds, first, because his audience wants to

By Dr. David Thomson

hear the things he tells them. They want to hear that Germany was not defeated in battle, that her suffering and humiliation are due not to any failures of her own, but to the treachery of Jews, Communists, Pacifists and Democrats. They are skillfully worked into a receptive and sympathetic mood and their "sales-resistance" is lowered by mass-emotion and exhaustion.

He succeeds, secondly, because all elements of criticism and all differences of opinion are carefully excluded. There is only one impression — unanimity and common devotion to the movement; only one ideal, power. The parades and organised applause are designed to create an effect of overwhelming and irresistible power. And physical force is always there in the background, ready to effect anyone who dares to interrupt.

He succeeds, thirdly, because he can appeal to facts and achieve-

ments, to actions that speak louder than words, and which seem to endorse his claims. He can point to the successful rearmament of Germany, the remilitarisation of the Rhineland, the Anschluss with Austria, the occupation of Czechoslovakia. These facts confirm the claim of invincibility.

These three conditions, in short, are the necessary basis for all effective propaganda; friendliness, force and facts. All propaganda must build upon one or more of these conditions, if it is to serve a political purpose. The power of the dictators has been established by a skilful combination of all three. But war has brought a fundamental change in this basis of their power. The aim of British policy must be to intensify this change.

Consider a Nazi mass-meeting held in Germany now. None of these essential conditions is present. The orator cannot tell his audience what they want to hear; for they want to hear that the promised Blitzkrieg has succeeded, and that they need no longer fear a winter of hardship, poverty and death. He can tell them again of the defeat of France and of German domination in Europe. But that will cause them only to ponder wistfully how intangible are the benefits that have so far accrued to Germany from these conquests. He cannot tell them that bombing will stop. He must call for further patience and greater sacrifices.

Nor is there the same impression of invincible force. A hostile counter-force has intruded: one which is even capable of planting a bomb on the Munich beer-house itself. There are dissentient voices — on the radio, for those who are brave enough to listen; and occasional leaflets are reminders that even the power of the Nazis is not absolute.

Likewise there are now other, less congenial facts, which cannot be forgotten and which spoil the old pattern. There are the black-

out, the air-raid shelter, iron rations, periodic bombing. Above all, there are brothers and sons killed, or taken prisoner, or at the best exiled in remote and unfriendly countries, in the vast, sprawling army of occupation. In the first year of war the best piece of British propaganda in Germany was the fact that there was a war at all, for the Nazis were invincible so long as they could "deliver the goods" without the cost of war. The best piece of British propaganda now is the fact that the war is still going on, for this raises inexorably the question, "Is it all worth while?" The aim of all our propaganda must be to ensure that the answer to this question, at every turn, will be "No."

In a dictatorship all propaganda is Government propaganda, and it is all propaganda for power. Political power depends upon the loyalty of men, and the loyalty of men can be enlisted in three ways: by an appeal to sympathy, by an appeal to fear, and by an appeal to reason. The Axis dictators have accumulated loyalty by making each of these appeals at the right moment. They first captured the attention and sympathy of their peoples by telling them things which people wanted to hear — by appealing to the intense passions of nationalism, by building up a "Myth of Victory." In Germany, this took the form of the legend that the German armies had never been defeated in battle, but had been stabbed in the back by the Jews, Communists and Democrats. In Italy it took the form of the myth that Italy had won the war but had lost the peace — again, because she had been betrayed at the peace by her own Liberals and by the democracies of France and Britain. When each dictator had captured the machinery of Government by such propaganda, he turned to the weapon of force and appealed to fear. This was the stage of terror, castor-oil, concentration-camps, and party-purges. Finally, when all opposition had been cowed, came the final stage of "achievements" and the appeal to reason: the boasts of victories won against the decadent democracies in the field of diplomacy, and against "traditional enemies" in Abyssinia, and in Czechoslovakia, Poland and France. But now the climax has been reached. This smooth process is ended. The day of reverses and of reckoning has come. Britain has not been invaded. Nor has Greece. And both are hitting back hard.

This is the supreme moment for British propaganda. There are signs that this is being realised. The B.B.C. is being reorganised. A bigger programme of broadcasts to the peoples of all occupied territories is planned. Mistakes in broadcasts to Germany are being remedied. The R.A.F. have again started to drop leaflets, and rumours of the real extent of the damage done to the navy at Taranto are being confirmed by bestowing photographs of it upon Turin. Still more of this kind of propaganda should be pressed home. British propaganda, hitherto on the defensive, must now move steadily to the offensive.

Meanwhile, the enemy propaganda offensive has exhausted itself. The elaborate series of illusions, carefully built up by Goebbels at home and abroad has been systematically belied by events. First, the decadent democracies would not fight. Then, when they did, it would all be over in a few months. Then, when it was not, Germany would build a "New Order" in Europe. Meanwhile the Nazi-Soviet Pact and the ruthless invasion of neutral countries such as Norway, Denmark and Greece have combined to reveal to neutrals the true purpose of this "New Order." The loyalty of Greece, Turkey and Egypt has not been shaken, and the Japan-Axis Pact, far from scaring the U.S.A. out of the war, has done much to facilitate aid for Britain. The defensive and faltering tone of the latest public speeches of both dictators is the best measure of these failures. Enemy propaganda is now thrown back on the defensive.

The power of the Axis dictators, it must be repeated, is based upon a skilful combination of friendliness, fear, and facts. It can be overthrown only by an equally skilful combination of disillusionment, force and achievements. Britain too must appeal to sympathy, fear and reason, in judicious proportions. To weave these strands into one clear-cut pattern is the task now before the Ministry of Information. One can only hope that they will do it.

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R.A.F. GIVES NAZIS NO RESPITE

MOVING OUR AIR FRONTIER TO GERMANY

(By An Air Correspondent)

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE is now engaged on the gigantic task of shifting the air frontier. That, and nothing less, is the meaning of the remarkable operations which British aircraft have been undertaking in the past few days.

We can take and hold the offensive. By day and by night the enemy must now expect a hammering from the air such as no nation in history has ever had to withstand. With every fresh assault the air frontier will be pushed farther and farther over and into Germany.

In August and September the Royal Air Force, owing to its numerical inferiority to the enemy, was on the defensive. It was fighting against odds to preserve our islands against the invading air forces.

It was fighting most of the time over Britain. Only at night was it able to strike back and to assume the offensive.

Now the position is different. From being over the South Coast, and even over London, the air frontier is being shifted to the coast of France and to the German bases beyond it.

It is the clearest and most positive sign of growing air strength. It is the recapture of the offensive in the air such as the Royal Flying Corps maintained almost throughout the war of 1914-18.

Then it was the exception for an enemy aeroplane to be shot down over friendly country. Nearly all the British victories were achieved far over the other side.

In August and September last

commendation of the same dividend as in the previous year, but without the bonus of 25 cents per share previously paid. The Board feels, however, that shareholders will understand that the general uncertainties of the future require a certain amount of caution at this time, and although the present year has started under favourable conditions, it appears to your Board that a husbanding of some of the undistributed profits of the Company is advisable.

"With these remarks, I formally propose the adoption of the Reports and Accounts as presented, and the appropriation of profits as recommended, and when this motion has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions which shareholders may wish to ask."

Appreciation

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Sir R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., but before it was put to the Meeting, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jnr., said that as a shareholder he thoroughly appreciated the gesture of the Board in waiving its right to fees, but he felt that as work had been done on behalf of shareholders, he thought that they should see to it that the Board was paid for its services, particularly so, having regard to the fact that the amount which had been written off General Reserve was of the character of "Deferred Expenditure." He, therefore, moved that the Report and Accounts and recommendation as to appropriation of Profits be adopted, and in addition that the Board be paid a fee of \$1,141.00, this figure being the equivalent of 10% of the profit of the year as shown by the year as shown by the Accounts.

The amended proposal was seconded by Mr. E. W. Blackmore, and on no questions being asked by other shareholders, was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. E. d'Almada Remedios, the Hon. Sir Robert H. Kotewall, C.M.G. was re-elected a Director for the ensuing year, whilst on the motion of Mr. C. H. Basto, seconded by Mr. J. J. Basto, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors.

The Chairman thanked shareholders for their presence and announced that Dividend Warrants were ready and could be had on application.

VIBRO PILING MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Vibro Piling Company, Limited, took place at 12.30 p.m. to-day, when a profit of \$11,410.00 was disclosed.

There were present Messrs. S. M. Churn (Chairman), J. J. Basto, the Hon. Sir Robert H. Kotewall, C.M.G. (Directors), F. F. d'Almada Remedios (Secretary), Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jnr., C. H. Basto, E. W. Blackmore, Li Pang-tin and Lam Shu-chuen (shareholders).

The Chairman said:

"If you will look at the Profit and Loss Account, you will observe that after making provision for all charges, including War Tax, the profit for the year amounts to \$11,410.00. You will also observe, however, that in this year's account no charge has been made for Directors' fees, which according to the Articles should be a sum equal to 10% of the profit for the year. The reason for this, is that as we have written off from General Reserve the sum of \$18,849.43 being Deferred and other Charges in connection with the Manila Agency which was terminated last year, your Board has, subject to what shareholders may think, waived right to any fees in respect of the year, a gesture which, I sincerely hope, shareholders will appreciate."

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, this statement, to my mind, has been drawn up in the usual explanatory manner, and beyond repeating what I said a moment ago concerning the necessity of having to write off from General Reserve the sum of \$18,849.42 in respect of Deferred and other Charges in connection with the Manila Agency, thus reducing the amount of the General Reserve Account to \$28,150.57, I do not think that there is to be found in the Balance Sheet any items requiring explanation from me."

Same Dividend

"On the question of appropriation of profits, which no doubt is of the greatest interest to shareholders, the Board regrets that it is unable to go beyond the re-

Increased Losses Likely

We shall lose more heavily. That is almost certain and must be accepted as the price of the sustained air offensive. But the total effect on the German war effort will be far more markedly in our favour than any successes in defensive operations.

We shall employ technical superiority even greater than we enjoyed last year against the enemy, and numbers which approach and will soon exceed his own. Already the pressure of our reserves is great. And it is steadily mounting.

We shall not follow the German example of trying to take the offensive and then being beaten and forced to abandon it. When once we start the Germans will know no respite except such as comes to them through the intervention of the weather. We shall not cease, but continue on a steadily increasing scale.

A great problem of planning confronts the Air Staff in instituting this offensive. But it is a thing to which Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of Air Staff, has been looking forward for months. He will use every ingenuity and every stratagem to gain our objectives with the smallest possible loss.

There will be an interesting secondary effect when the offensive reaches its peak. The German night raiders will work less often and in diminishing strength. At last the real answer to the enemy night raiders emerges, the sustained, mounting and systematic aerial offensive.

Reward Of Planning

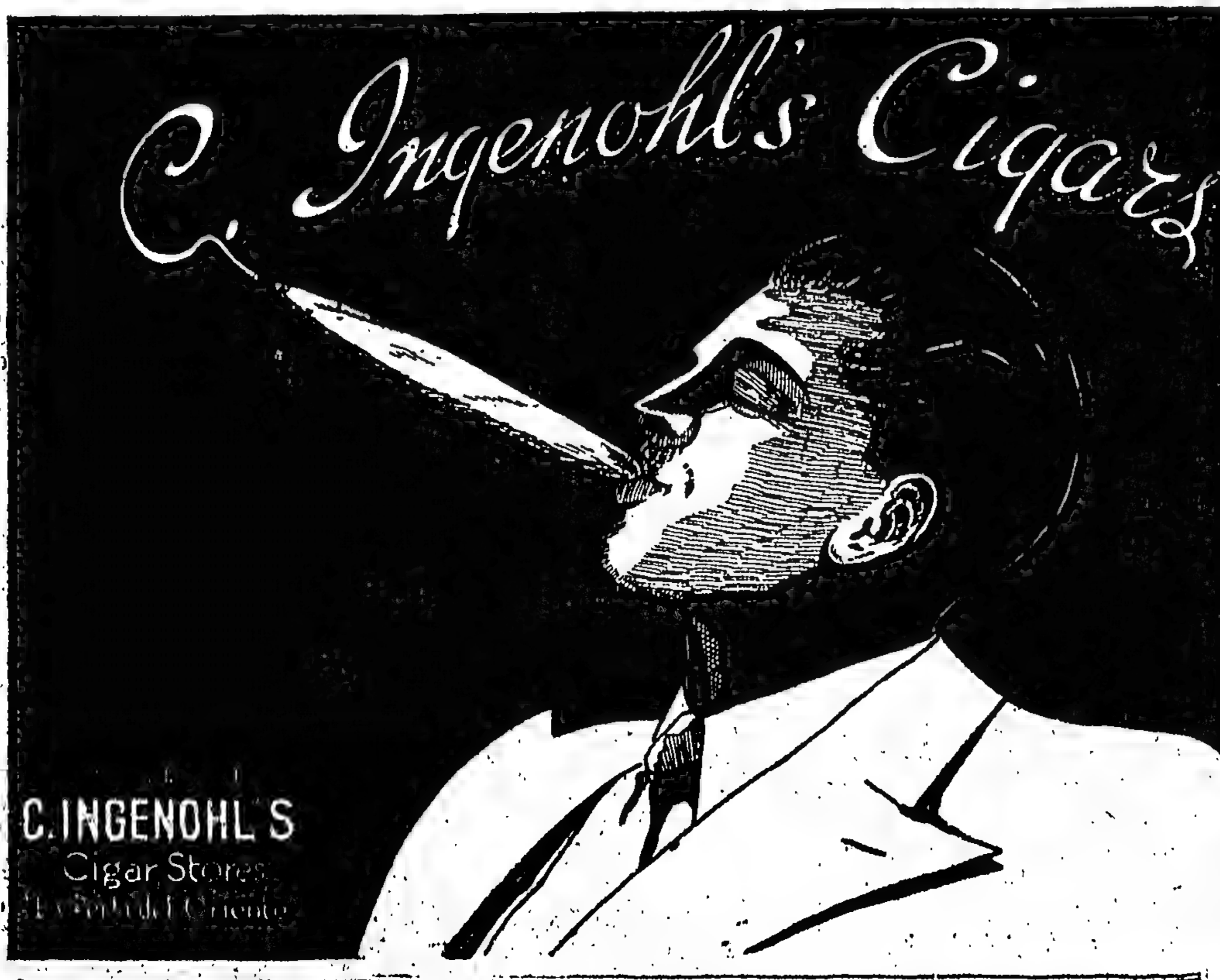
It is worth giving thanks to those in the British aircraft industry and those in charge of the R.A.F. who founded the magnificent machinery which is now turning out aircraft at a high rate.

Especially praiseworthy are those who looked forward and planned on a large scale, for aircraft production cannot be achieved in a short space of time. It is always and inevitably the result of long-term planning.

Later on thanks are also due to those who, under the energetic leadership of Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, have built up our force and supplied it with the serried reserves which now stand behind it, and to the factories in the United States which now stand as a secondary reserve of incalculable strength.

Those work-people and those United States factories may now be called on even more urgently for the tremendous sprint which will enable us to achieve decisive superiority in the air and to hold the air over Germany and German-occupied territory as if it were our own.

When they see how the Royal Air Force is making use of the machines they turn out those workers respond with all their strength.



Italians Fighting Hard To Save Keren

KEREN, WHICH WILL DECIDE THE FATE OF ITALIAN ERITREA AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE OF ITALIAN EAST AFRICA, NOW APPEARS TO BE IN AN INCREASINGLY DESPERATE POSITION, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM BRITISH AND ITALIAN SOURCES IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

Despatches from Khartoum, British communiques from Cairo and Nairobi and an Italian communique from Rome tell a story of heavy Italian losses in embittered counter-attacks against the beleaguering British and Imperial Army.

A British Army communique from Cairo yesterday also reported that pressure by Imperial and patriot forces in Abyssinia is being maintained successfully over a wide area against the retreating Italians.

British troops, it added, are extending the area of occupation in British Somaliland. From the north, British and French troops are pushing across a wilderness of ridges towards the road leading from Keren.

Battle Of Keren

Several heights, held by the Italians, still separate them from the road, which is ideal for defence.

The British have to assault positions which the Italians have had a month to prepare, and they are faced with greatly superior numbers, estimated at 30,000.

The Battle of Keren, therefore, is expected to last several days, Reuter.

Temperature of 105

Very severe fighting is proceeding on the Keren front in Eritrea in a temperature of 105 degrees. It was stated in Cairo yesterday.

Exact details yet are lacking but it is believed there has been hand-to-hand fighting in this mountain warfare.

The enemy is making determined counter-attacks but, according to the British military spokesman, all these have been held successfully.

Other operations on the East African frontier are proceeding satisfactorily.

Berbera Capture

The recapture of Berbera, it was stated, provided a supreme example of cooperation between the three Services.

The R.A.F. first bombed and photographed the enemy positions. The Fleet bombarded the town and finally two forces landed at dawn, meeting with only slight opposition. The whole operation was brilliantly executed and took only five hours to carry out.—Reuter.

CRUSHING ITALIAN DEFEAT

The crushing defeat sustained by the Italians when their seven-days' offensive on the Albanian front was hurled back, has forced them into inactivity, according to the Greek radio last night.

Only activity on Monday was by Greek patrols, said an official Greek statement broadcast from Athens.

The statement adds that the patrols were successful.

Reliable information, it adds, shows that the Italians are attempting to reorganise their distressed formations, but it is not at all certain that such a reorganisation will permit the enemy to risk another offensive.

Attacks Repulsed

Repeated Italian local attacks were repulsed with considerable losses by the Greeks yesterday, states a Greek communique quoted by Athens radio.

A successful manoeuvre in the Aros region resulted in 165 prisoners being taken. — Reuter.

BAG SNATCHED FROM A CAR

While sitting in her car outside the Alhambra Theatre yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Chan Lo-sai, of No. 35, Bonham Road, had her handbag snatched by Au Ki, 22.

Mrs. Chan raised an alarm and several passers-by chased and arrested Au Ki on the roof of a house in Temple Street.

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE FRANCE

American citizens in unoccupied France have been asked by the United States Embassy to leave, according to a Paris despatch to the official German news agency.

The agency adds their permits will not be renewed.—Reuter.

LAKHIMPUR AIR ATTACKS WARNING

The District Commission of Lakhimpur (India) yesterday warned the people of Digboi and Tinsukia to be ready for possible air attacks, says Reuter.



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WAR CABINET'S ATTENTION TO INVASION PERIL

THE UNITY AND determination of the British people to stand firm and carry on and win the war, was the theme of a broadcast speech by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, last night.

Mr. Morrison was urging people to read and study carefully a leaflet just issued by his Ministry, informing them what to do in case of an invasion.

Invasion, Mr. Morrison said, was a vital subject, for though the blaze of war might leap from Europe to Africa or Asia, there could be no real Nazi victory unless it was won here—in and around this island.

"I am giving away no secrets," Mr. Morrison went on, "if I tell you that your Govern-

ment and military chiefs have made plans for the defence of Britain on the basis of complete confidence that you will not let them down."

He emphasised the necessity of carrying on the country's work to the utmost capacity, and concluded with an exhortation to "stand firm, Carry on. Beat the invader."—Reuter.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on **THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941** at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on **THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941**, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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Second Extra Race Meeting Saturday, 29th March, 1941

The closing of the entries for the above has been postponed to 5.00 P.M. on **MONDAY, 24th March.**

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING has again been postponed. It will now be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 22nd March, 1941**, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1941

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on **WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941**, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from **SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941**, to **WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941**, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on **MONDAY, 31st March, 1941**, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

Poor Planning

By The Four Aces

We saw, the other day, a hand misplayed by a player of considerable experience. Perhaps it will give others a couple of pointers.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ A J 8
♥ K 10 9 6 2
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ A Q J 8
N
W E
S
♠ K 4
♥ Q 6 5 4 2
♦ Q 7 3
♣ 10 9 5
♠ J 10 7 3
♥ A J 8 5
♦ A Q J 8
♣ Q 9 8 6 5 2
♠ K 10 9 7
♥ 4
♣ K 4

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♠ Pass INT Pass
2♠ Pass Pass Pass

West led the ten of clubs, East taking the Ace and returning the club Queen. South took the club King, led to the spade Ace, and ruffed a third round of clubs. He then ruffed a spade with dummy's eight of hearts and returned a club from dummy. When East followed, South followed with the heart nine, hoping that East had the Queen of hearts. But West over-ruffed with the heart Queen and returned a trump. A low diamond was led from the dummy, and West won and led another trump. That was the end of poor South; he was set two tricks!

South had adopted a bad line of play but should have made his contract anyway. When East followed to the fourth round of clubs, South should have ruffed with the heart King! Then he could ruff a spade with the heart Jack and return a diamond. Even though West might win and return a trump, South would then be able to ruff a diamond and would have a total of eight tricks.

But South made his big mistake at the third trick. To plan a cross-ruff was correct, but there was no need to plan to ruff clubs in his own hand when it was so much safer to ruff diamonds. At the third trick South should have led a diamond. From then on he could easily cross-ruff spades and diamonds without risking an over-ruff and the consequent loss of the contract.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 8 2
♥ K 7 4
♦ A 6
♣ A J 9 6

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenken You Maier
Pass Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid one club. This is a perfectly sound opening bid and there is a chance for game despite partner's original pass. Score 100% for one club, 10% for pass.

Question No. 668

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby Schenken You Maier
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass
1♠ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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PICK-AND-SHOVEL PRINCE

Prince Friedrich of Prussia, the ex-Kaiser's grandson, who was in a Canadian internment camp has been shipped back to England with 250 well-behaved internees, reports the "New York News."

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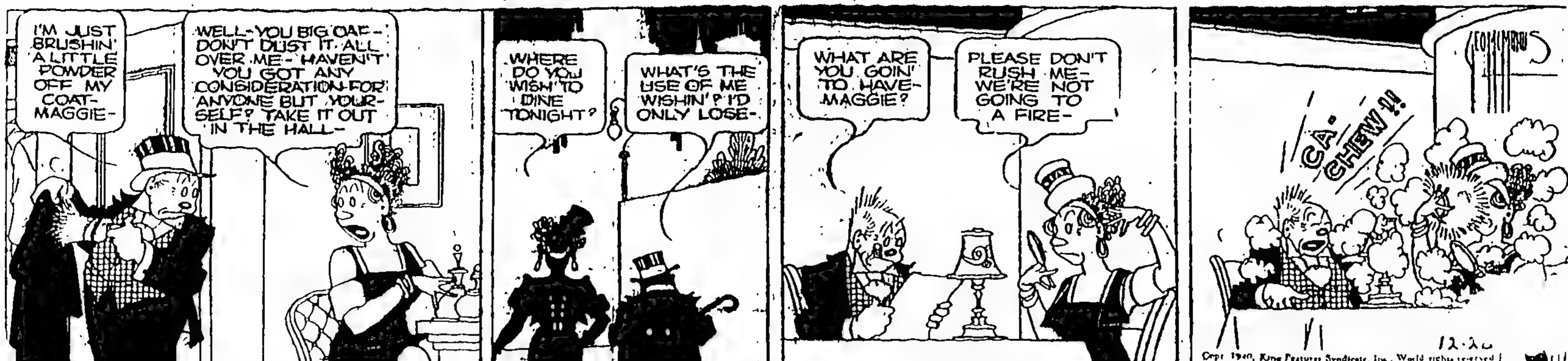
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Young Boys "Dish It Out" About Young Girls

To-day I am writing to the young things those who are under nineteen.

Forty-seven young lads were questioned about the girl subject and they were delighted at having an opportunity of telling the world what they disliked about "women."

They led off on the subject of make-up. They hate blood red lipstick and nail polish and simply loathe overdrawn, heavily coated lips. No appeal there, they claim! They like nicely manicured nails and the lighter shades of polish—but no red.

No boy will tell a girl she looks messy and should be better groomed, they warned, but they notice such details and hold it against the girl who doesn't measure up to their standards. And nearly all the boys voiced objection to repairing make-up in public. Jimmy Lydon of the films, put it this way: "There's a whole gang on a picnic and a girl's nose gets shiny and who cares? Girls should go without make-up on such occasions and when they are on a dinner or formal date, they should go to the Powder Room to make repairs in their beauty!"

About Clothes

All the boys seemed neutral on the subject of girl's clothes. Crazy hats don't seem to bother them a bit but some shoes get their criticism. Among the ones they dislike are those with "stilt" heels, cut out toes, wedge soles and oh girls—not one of the boys like ankle socks unless they are worn with tennis or tramp shoes.

All the boys seemed to want their girls to be beguilingly feminine. They like girls to swim, play tennis or badminton—but not too well. (You see their vanity must be preserved!) All adore a "smooth" dancer. All loathe a girl who talks too much.

About driving—the boys wished ardently that girls would learn to drive well but to let a boy drive when he was in her car! Somehow their ego is flattened a bit when they are driven by a woman. But they were fair about this because they urged girls to ask



For sportswear JOAN LESLIE wears a youthful hair style with loose braids. No make-up!

them to slow down a bit if their own driving got reckless. "A girl shouldn't hesitate to ask a boy to drive well—he'll do it if she asks him."

About Entertainment

The boys also agreed on what they liked to do on a date. They okayed movies, picnics, swimming parties, small dances with their own gang. Most of the boys disliked calling solo on a girl because parents make them uncomfortable!

And please, don't talk about other boy friends—that seems to be a common complaint. How about it, girls?

Last but not least, don't make fun of a boy's possessions. Freddie Bartholomew states it this way—"Love me, love my rattle-trap car!"

DANES REQUITE AID

Seventeen years ago Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic surgeon, gave his services to men who were injured in an explosion in a Danish cruiser which was engaged in experimental work off Copenhagen.

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The Danish cruiser Geyser was experimenting in the manufacture of a smoke screen when the explosion occurred. Many of the crew were badly burned and needed expert treatment.

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



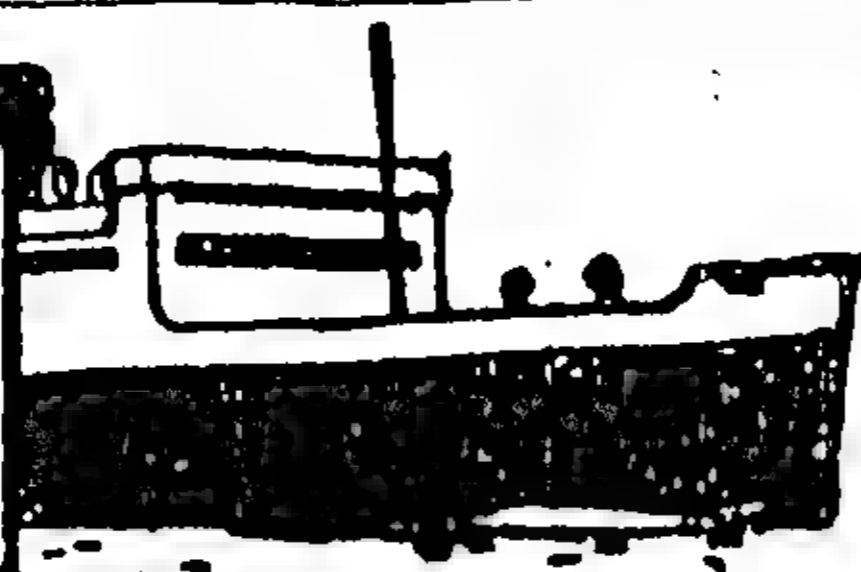
"Thank goodness the twins and Lucy weren't in on this escapade, too!"

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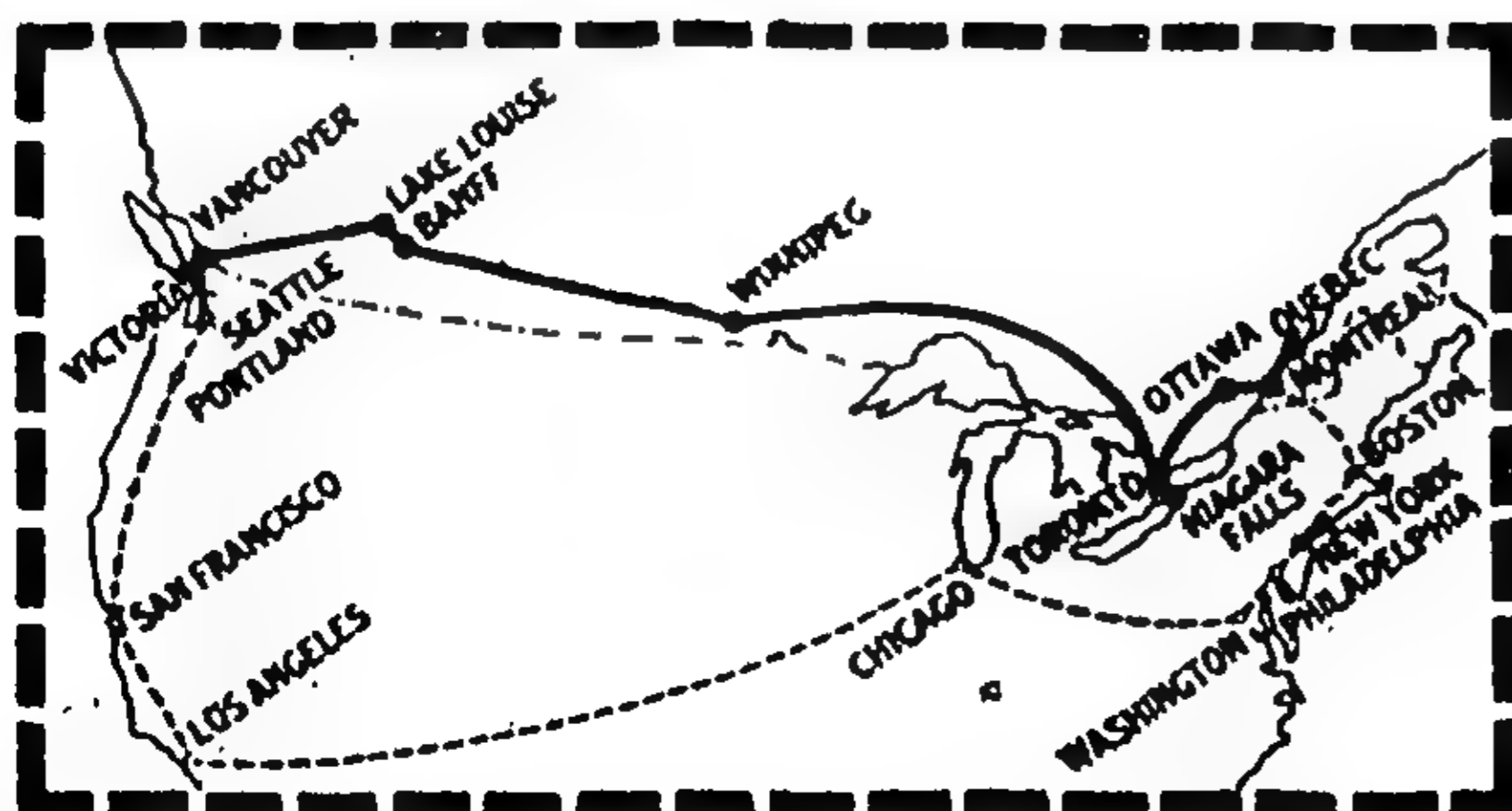
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United Kingdom and Straits	Mar. 22.
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Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"— San Francisco date, 18th March	Mar. 25.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—(San Francisco date, 7th March)	Mar. 28
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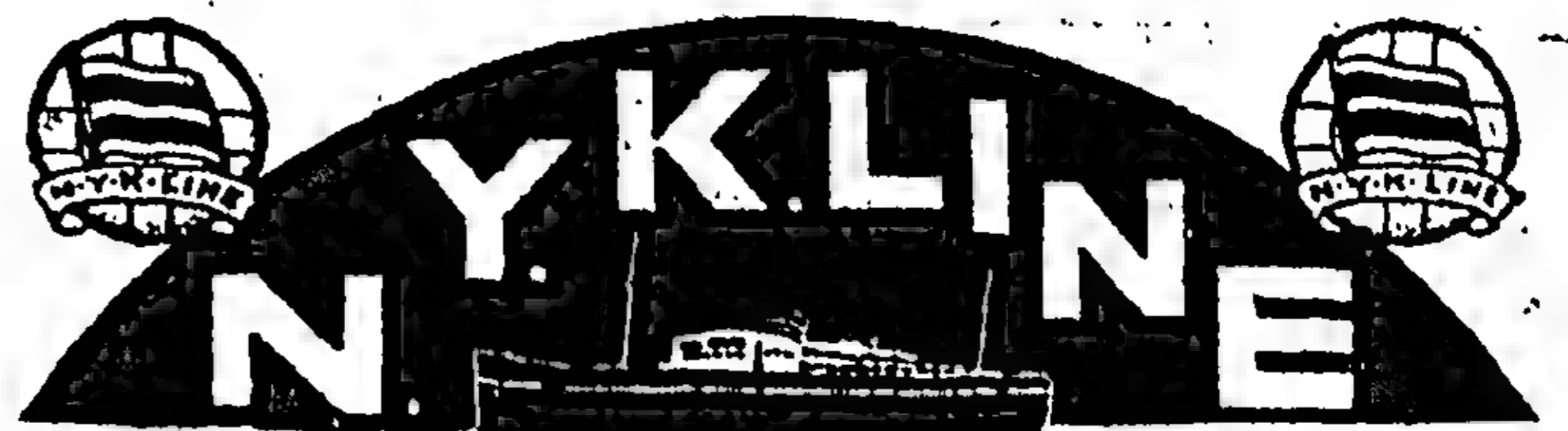
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Lack Of Practice Much Apparent In Opening Colony Tennis Matches

Oxlade Shows Some Promise

By "Adrem"

Although conditions underfoot for the players were far from ideal owing to the slippery state of the ground, yesterday's brilliant weather attracted a large crowd to Hong Kong Cricket Club to watch opening matches in the Colony tennis championships.

Three of the better players in the tournament were on view but there was little interesting tennis and the recent protracted spell of wet weather was reflected in the obvious lack of practice of everyone on view yesterday.

It was expected that the closest match of the day would be between the Japanese entry of O. Umetsu and T. Imura, and veteran T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, who are a very formidable combination in "B" Division of the League. Actually, however, long rallies were few and far between although there were some lively moments when exchanges became quite spirited.

Steady Pair

The Japanese, who won in straight sets, are a combination who depend more on steadiness than brilliance and they will be a difficult pair to beat when they have had more practice. Both were useful off the ground and both obviously have a sound knowledge of the game.

Gould and Monaghan were too erratic to be effective but they played a breezy brand of tennis that made the game quite an attractive one to watch.

After a very poor first set, when the Cricket Club pair were unable to do anything right, Oxlade and Barwell settled down to play good tennis and improved sufficiently to give the Tam brothers quite a lot of opposition.

On one occasion, with Barwell serving, they led 5-4, having won the previous three games as the result of some good play by Oxlade, but the Tsuis then settled down to their task and won the next three games for set and match.

As is usual in a match of this description the Tsuis did not over-exert themselves and on this match their form is difficult to assess.

Oxlade, however, gave the impression that he might be quite a useful singles player and his match against Tsui Yan-pui next week should be quite interesting.

In a match of very poor standard, Sewell and MacDougall beat Martin and Matthias, while H. D. Rumjahn was able to play at half-speed and yet beat Howard comfortably.



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South China must win this game to retain the championship and the loss of a point will mean a replay with Eastern.

Police have not done very well in the League this season but throughout the League they have nearly always given every team they have met a good game. Consequently this afternoon they are quite liable to upset the Chinese.

The First Division football game between Royal Scots and Navy has been postponed as the members of the former team were in-mobilized this morning.

Following is to-day's programme:

First Division
Scots China 5.00 p.m.
Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.
Third Division
20th R.A. v. Signals
Sookumpoo 3.00 p.m.
22nd R.A. v. Engineers
Stanley 3.00 p.m.

Police Tsang Wing Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu, North Gough and Pope, Gordon, Wong Man-kwan, Howlett, Ferrier and Moss.

South China.—Tam Kwan-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, and Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sung, Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-tai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

SCOTLAND'S "S.H." CUP ELEVEN

Following have been chosen to represent Scotland in the Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition against England on Sunday, April 6 at Boundary Street.

Bankier (R. Scots); Naysmith (R. Scots) and Fraser (R. Scots), Capt.; Munroe (R. Scots), Birrell (R.E.) and Clarke (R. Scots); Garry (R. Scots), Ferrier (Police), Hossack (R. Scots), Howlett (Police) and Marshall (R. Scots).
Reserves: Blackburn (Police); Lamb (Kowloon), Gilroy (R. Scots), Hutchison (Signals), Scott (Club).

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the matches to be played on Sunday in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament:—

At 10.30 a.m.
5th A.A. "A" v Police "B"
5th A.A. "B" v Police "A"
C.B.A. v Engineers
University v Nomads
A.N. Other XI v Destroyers
At 4 p.m.
Gunboats v Khalsa

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES
H. D. Rumjahn beat W. J. Howard 6-1, 6-2.
OPEN DOUBLES
O. Umetsu and T. Imura beat T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould 6-1, 6-3.
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell 6-2, 7-5.
G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall beat T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias 6-2, 6-2.
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
H. van Leeuwen (-2.6) beat L. P. Ralph (plus 1.6) 6-3, 6-3;
A. T. Dow (-3.6) beat M. A. Vierens de Haan (Scr.) 6-0, 6-3.
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scr.) beat N. Spence and E. Newton (-1.6) 6-8, 6-2, 6-3.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

Open Singles
Ho Ka-lau v K. H. Ip (7)
Open Doubles
Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming v B. and I. Agafuroff (4); G. Choi and A. V. Remedios v A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong (5); F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling v Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui (8).

SMALL UNITS SPORTS

A crowded programme has been arranged for the Small Units Sports, which is scheduled to take place this afternoon at the Chatham Road field.

The main feature in the programme of 14 events will be the invitation one-mile relay, in which will be participating, a team from Hong Kong University and three teams from the Middlesex Regiment.

The purpose of the competition is to select contestants for the forthcoming Army meet.

BATTLE TO KEEP SOCCER GOING

This will give you some idea of how Soccer clubs are battling to keep the flag flying these days.

Tom Parker, the Southampton manager, took a team to Reading recently that cost him in wages just two guineas—which the six professionals agreed to accept to help the club.

The average age of the team was 17½.

Tom said the crowds he gets at home matches cover expenses and sometimes show a profit.

What Southampton wants, of course, is some London club fixtures, and they feel they have as strong a grievance as a left-back Portsmouth, though nobody has pleaded their cause.

ARMY RUGBY

At Sookumpoo yesterday, Middlesex beat Royal Artillery by two goals and a try (18 points) to a try (3 points) in the Large Units Rugby League.

In the other game Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units by a goal and three tries (11 points) to nil.

A DISCOURSE ON SOFTBALL AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS, HEAVY SHOWERS CAUSED THE ENTIRE WEEK-END SOFTBALL PROGRAMME TO BE POSTPONED, DELAYING THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES FOR A FURTHER WEEK.

Whilst the rain was drenching the K.F.C. ground, this corner had an opportunity of sitting in on one of those gab sessions, which is a softball bug's favourite past-time on a rainy day. One vociferous, but not too well-informed addict, voiced his opinion that an all-star team should be made up of all the players with the highest fielding averages. "For," says he, "Aren't they the best fielders, since figures don't lie?"

This statement is only partially correct, for, strange as it may seem, averages are often very misleading, and it is a fact that managers very often ignore averages in determining a player's fielding ability.

Analysis Necessary

To be able to read the averages rightly, one must be acquainted with the figures, for averages do disclose real facts about a fielder's ability, but in order to obtain the proper information from the averages, the figures must be analysed.

Take, for instance, Maple Leaf hindshatterer Johnnie Delgado's up-to-date fielding average of .936, which is one point above that of Mohawk catcher, Joe Morris, which seems to indicate that Delgado is the better catcher. Delgado is far from being the better receiver, and even he will confirm this, but the averages didn't say that he was the better man, they merely recorded the fact that considering the number of chances he was credited with handling, he made fewer errors in proportion to those chances than Morris did.

Eliminate Canuck fire-ball hurler Herbie Quon's 39% strikeouts, for which Delgado was credited with put-outs, from his record of 40, then work out the averages and you'll be surprised. A catcher's ability should be reckoned from the number of passed balls and bases stolen against him, that is to say, the lesser the number, the better the player's ability.

The Real Test

In the case of the other fielding positions, the real test of a player's fielding ability is the amount of ground covered, with the consequent potential hits he is able to cut off.

Accordingly, the real indication is in the number of changes accepted by a player, namely the put-outs and assists.

In the case of outfielders, the greater the number of put-outs the greater the fielder's ability, since fielders who play on a dime, and allow the ball to bounce, will seldom be charged with an error, the batter being more often than not credited with a hit.

Incidentally, with a majority of right-handed batters in the local loop, right fielders have fewer chances of making errors which accounts for a higher fielding percentage than the other outfielders.

Similarly a first-baseman will probably make fewer errors in proportion to the other fielders, because his chances are generally easier, and when they do get bad, the thrower and not the first-baseman gets the error.

COLONY BADMINTON

Badminton championship matches at the Club de Récreio last evening resulted as follows:—

Junior Doubles: J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies beat W. T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, 15-3, 15-6.

Junior Singles: E. Gillespie beat A. L. Gordon, 15-3, 15-4; T. S. Young beat J. Tsang, 15-13, 18-16.

Mixed Doubles: H. C. and Miss Decima Eardley beat E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong, 15-7, 15-6.

INDIAN TEAM AS WAS

According to information received from usually reliable sources, the team that won the International series last year will again represent India this year, contrary to the general impression that the team will be divided into Malayan and Indian contingents.

At a recent meeting, Cyclone, out-fielder A. R. Markar was elected to take over managerial duties, whilst Kassa Nazarin was voted field captain.

It will be recalled that the Indians upset all the dopesters last year by annexing the championship, and, judging from the seriousness they are now displaying they are out for a two-in-a-row success.

WORLD'S RECORD BANDAGE

Natgrass got the Arsenal—Sheffield United final of 1936, which I remember, not only for the refereeing but for the world's biggest bandage round the right knee, or maybe the left, of one Ted Drake, writes a correspondent.

Which didn't stop Edward banging home the Cup-winning goal for Arsenal.

Pint-sized, very nippy at the gate, first called "Natty" Natgrass by me because of his neat sartorial ensembles, possessor of a watch-timer which made his extra time allowances the last word in split-seconds—that's Natgrass that was. We shall hope for his quick return to the game.

WAITER JOCKEY

Jockeys know all about the art of waiting. Harry Wragg is the chief artist attending this sort of race. But that well-known rider Freddie Hunter, one of Stanley Weston's best-known pupils of former days, is top of the art of another sort of waiting.

For three months he has been an officer's mess waiter in the R.A.O.C.

Incidentally, he tells me he has "acquired" the only spring bed in his camp.

HOW FAMOUS TROPHIES ARE BEING KEPT SAFE

"FACE THE NETTING from the box . . . walk up white line . . . stop five yards from top end of court . . . dig ten feet."

Reads a bit like Long John Silver? Well, it is a treasure-trove plan, but the buried hoard is silver cups, not pieces of eight, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

Well-known London tennis club members are now playing over instead of for, their club trophies. Just a very sensible "blitz" precaution.

This set me off on a few inquiries, writes a correspondent. Where are the cups of yesterday? the gold and silver symbols which before Hitler got his rich of blood to the head meant so much to so many. Perhaps too much, but so it will be again some day glory be!

Where They Are

Sport's No. 1 trophy, the F.A. Cup, is still at off-bombed Portsmouth. I am not saying where, but the Football Association is satisfied it is in a place of safety with the Tinn spats.

Dick Burton's Open Golf Championship Cup, worth perhaps £5, is snugly secure at Sale, and the Walker is in the vault of a Scottish bank with the rest of the Royal and Ancient's irreplaceable treasures, which in peace time were kept, with Scottish caution, in a steel reinforced strong-room inside the granite clubhouse.

We took the Walker from America in the last peace season, which, from a safety point of view, may not perhaps have been the right thing to do, but discreetly left in their keeping the Ryder, let's say because it is one of the few golden sport trophies.

USA also guards the Wightman and the Curtis, while the Davis is where no German can lay vandals hands upon it in Australia. Incidentally, Australia held the Davis Cup throughout the last war.

Mark Twain's Cup

The Ascot Gold Cup which you will know a London evening paper contents bill once accused Mark Twain of "stealing" ("Mark Twain Arrives: Gold Cup Stolen") is in a jeweller's safe. So is the Jockey Club Cup and other famous Turf cups.

The historic urn which holds the Test cricket Ashes was moved to a place of safety at the war break, together with the rest of the treasure-trove in the long room at Lord's.

Peggy Cockburn, who is carrying on the Professional Golfers' Association in the absence of Commander Roe, tells me all P.G.A. cups are in a bank in the country.

One of them, given for the best single round in the Open, was lost during the last war and mourned for years, but played for each season until it mysteriously turned up. No one ever solved this mystery.

Ted Ray Lost One

Ted Ray also lost a cup during the last war (the Leeds, which he won so often it would follow him about). He found it again on the eve of a meeting in a crate in a loft!

Ted sent it in post haste to the jewellers to be cleaned, and they, seeing his name all over it, duly inscribed it again.

No time to get it erased, so Ray saved complications by winning it again. "Saved me buying a new cup mate," said Ted between pipe puffs.

Then there is the case of Arthur Whichells, who went on winning greyhound racing cups until his wife refused to clean any more. Arthur is solving that one by putting them all up for war charity events.

RUGBY STAR MISSING

That grand Richmond and England forward, Pilot-Officer D. E. Teden, considered by many the best forward in the four Unions in 1938-39, is reported missing. He has played some grand games for Rosslyn Park this season.

RUGBY OFF

The Rugby match between Club "A" and Navy "A", scheduled for this afternoon on Club ground, has been cancelled.

CHARITY GOLF MATCH

The first "Daily Sketch" War Relief Fund match in the Midlands was an outstanding success.

Henry Cotton and Alfred Padgham won the 18 holes four-ball from the Open champion, Dick Burton, and the crack Warwickshire amateur, J. Murry, by 5 and 4. It was Padgham's magic putter that did most of the deadly work.

Big money was being paid for "eagles" and "birdies" and Alfred scored the only "eagle" and three out of the seven "birdies" collected by the four players.

Henry, however, drew first blood by winning the fifth hole and Alfred had the first of his 2's at the seventh.

Dick Burton produced one of his champion shots to win at the eighth, nearly holing his next shot, but that was the only hole his side claimed before the match ended.

"Justly Proud"

The effort of which Alfred was justly proud was the 439 yards tenth where he scored his "eagle" three with a beautifully judged second shot and a firmly-struck putt.

He won the 12th and 13th, the latter with his second two and Henry administered the coup de grace at the 14th with a par four.

Olton's enthusiastic members are keeping the subscription list open as they wish to raise a really impressive sum for the needs of the air raid victims to whom the whole proceeds of the match will be devoted.

The club hopes to raise £300 for the fund. The auction brought in over £50.

One of the sales was six onions which the captain, Mr. J. Doherty, bought for six guineas for what he claimed to be "the most expensive stew of his life."

FEAR OF JOCKEY SHORTAGE

I foresee a serious shortage of flat-race jockeys when the new season begins in March.

Gordon Richards, the champion, is only one of several who will probably be with the colours in the late spring, and I happen to know that leave of absence for riding engagements won't be as generously bestowed as it appears to be for the week-end footballers.

I had a chat with Johnnie Gilbert on a 48-hours' marriage leave, and he was hot at all confident about how any application for a day off would fare.

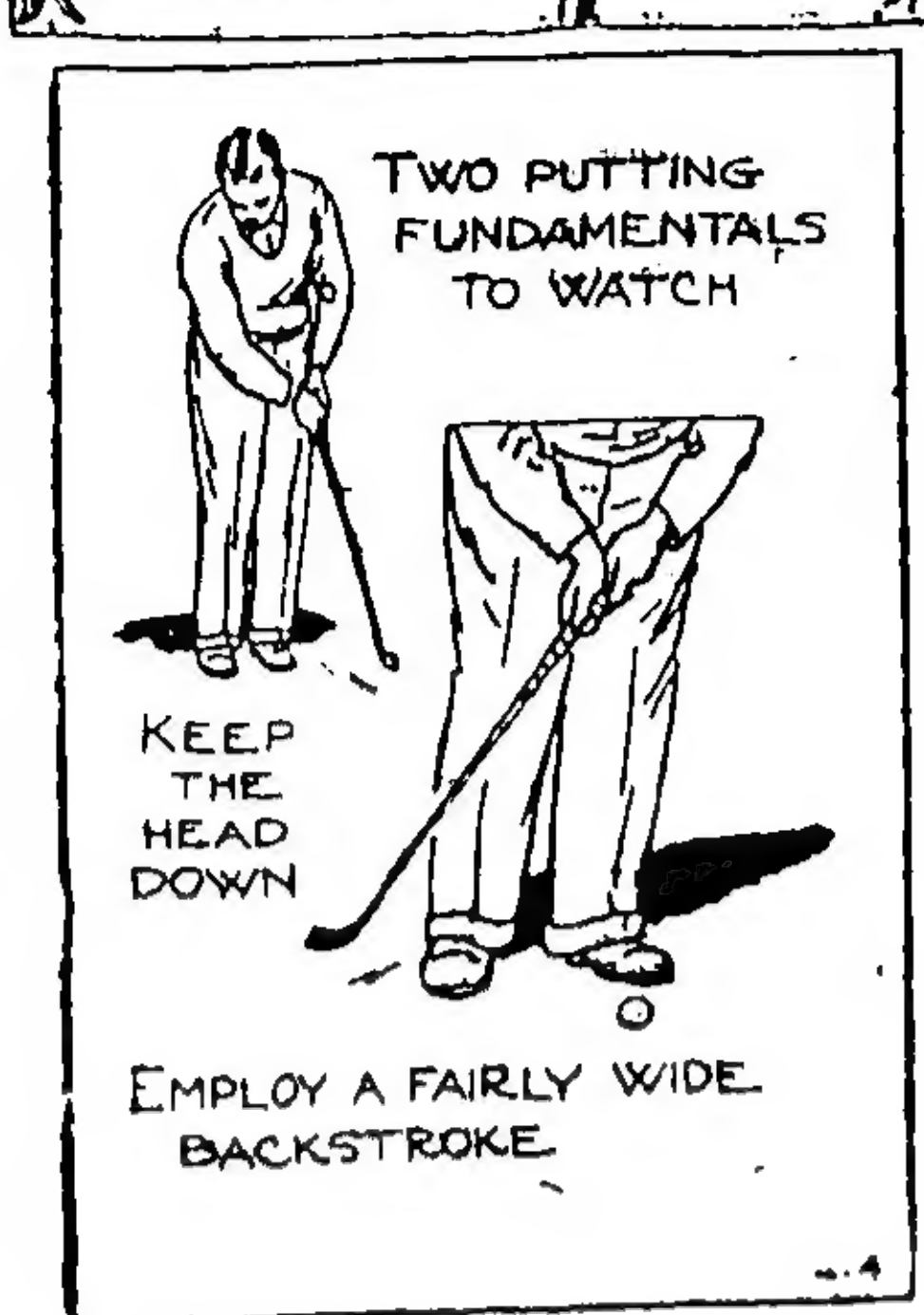
I know other soldier-jockeys who take a similar view.

In National Hunt sport there has yet been no shortage of available riders because there are always amateurs keen to take a chance mount, and in any case the ranks of the professionals are over-crowded.

Not so in flat-racing and I can visualise occasions when we have a Saturday with two meetings, one up North and the other in the South, that there will be a real shortage of jockeys.

Perhaps the men of Elre will come over and see us sometime. They are not troubled with Army call-ups there yet awhile.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTING ACCURACY

By Best Ball

Giving attention to the two phases of the putting stroke listed above is one way of counteracting the two most prevalent faults on the green. In fact if one is putting way off form, it is well to check up on these two points, i.e., too short a backstroke or lifting the head before the ball is struck. Both lead to jerky, uneven hitting, exaggerating the error of stroking the ball too quickly.

The putting stroke should be smoothly accelerated, and a wide backstroke gives more leeway for such application. Such a stroke when assisted by keeping the head down, eyes on the ball, increases the chances of making a crisp, satisfying contact straight along the intended path.

Next Article: Distance Impact.

LA SALLE FAVOURED FOR SCHOOL SPORTS

By "Sportshawk"

ON THEIR showing on the first day of the Annual Inter-School Athletic Sports Meeting, at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon, La Salle College have established themselves as strong favourites for the championship.

Present holders of the Governor's Cup, Wah Yan College, are considered to be one of the strongest challengers to La Salle College, while St. Stephen's College and King's College are also powerful.

Although all the times, heights and distances returned yesterday were on the low side, every event was keenly and closely contested, particularly the medley relay race and high jump.

Following are the competitors qualified for the Finals:-

100 Metres:-Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Chow Hon-shu (King's), Lai Chung-yiu (Wah Yan), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan), Fong Hui-veung (Queen's), Kan Chiek-tao (Queen's) and A. P. Silva (La Salle).

Long Jump:-Wong Ki-lin (King's), Chau King-cheung (St. Stephen's), Fung Shing-mo (St. Stephen's) and Cheng Kim-kwong (La Salle).

800 Metres:-N. Castro (La Salle), J. Xavier (La Salle), Cheung Kai-pun (Wah Yan), Lee Kai-luen (Wah Yan), K. Mohammed (Queen's) and J. Macaulay (D.B.S.).

Pole Vault:-Marcus Ng (La Salle), L. Remedios (La Salle), Hau Tam-yuan (St. Stephen's), Chan King-cheung (St. Stephen's) and Kwan Wah-sang (St. Paul's).

200 Metres:-A. P. Silva (La Salle), A. Mackechnie (La Salle), Fong Hui-veung (Queen's), Kan Chiek-tao (Queen's), Law Chiu-to (King's), Wong Wing-keen (King's) and Chan Shu-kei (Wah Yan).

Shot Put:-Ma Wai-fun (St. Stephen's), Ma Chang-hung (St. Stephen's), Woo Shai-cheung (Wah Yan) and Tong Kwok-fun (St. Paul's).

400 Metres:-R. Remedios (La Salle), N. Castro (La Salle), S. Hall (D.B.S.), J. Macaulay (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (King's), Lam Kwok-leung (Wah Yan) and Wan Shau-tak (St. Paul's).

High Jump:-Marcus Ng (La Salle), A. Mackechnie (La Salle), Cheuk Ming-lee (Queen's), Leung Lai-yuen (St. Stephen's), Lim Hong-hong (D.B.S.) and A. Fong (St. Joseph's).

110 Metres High Hurdles:-Lam Chiu-kei (St. Paul's), B. Pomeroy (La Salle), Wong Ki-lin (King's), Fung Shing-mo (St. Stephen's), Wan Sau-tak (St. Paul's) and Wan Ki-hing (Wah Yan).

Medley Relay Race (400, 200, 200, 400 Metres):-La Salle College "A", La Salle College "B", King's College, Wah Yan College, Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's College.

ARSENAL PLAYER KILLED

Jack Lambert, Arsenal centre-forward in two Cup Finals, has been killed in a road accident.

Lambert's development from a crude centre to a great goal-scorer was a tribute to Herbert Chapman, who had a genius for pulling the best out of a man.

His association was later continued at Margate, where Lambert did so well that he practically made the Arsenal nursery.

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BERBERA'S RECAPTURE

Full Story Of Operation Told In Aden

"MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS" IN THE AIR

"Mysterious happenings are occurring in the air," writes the London correspondent of the Madrid newspaper "ABC."

He adds: "Whatever the British anti-aircraft devices may be, things have greatly changed and Londoners to-day are safer than ever in their shelters and houses." —Reuter.

"PENTHOUSE" EJECTION CAMPAIGN

"Penthouse" colonies on the roof-tops of buildings in Canton Road, Shanghai Street and Temple Street, in the Yaumati District, were swept away as a result of raids carried out by the Police early yesterday morning and last night.

Hundreds of persons who have been making their homes on the roof-tops for the last two or three years were ejected, some being

Four Men In A Boat

AN EPIC STORY OF THE RECAPTURE OF BERBERA, CAPITAL OF BRITISH SOMALILAND, IS TOLD IN A CABLE RECEIVED FROM ADEN YESTERDAY.

At one point the success of the whole operation depended on four men in a boat stealing silently towards the Somaliland coast, while the outstanding impression left by the operation is the "unchangeable loyalty of the Somalis, whose territory had been usurped by the Italians."

About midnight on March 15/16, a liberating fleet, consisting of troopships, convoyed by warships, stole silently towards the coast.

Clouds scudded across the sky and occasionally allowed the moon to illuminate the flat shore with mountains beyond.

Previous aerial photographic operations gave the commanders of the expedition full knowledge of the terrain, and the assault was planned to force the Italians to divide their already depleted and demoralised forces.

Two Landings

Two landings were planned. The western landing was entrusted to picked Indian troops, with supporting Engineers and Artillery,

sent to government refugee camps.

The action is connected with the cholera menace.

while the eastern was to be carried out by Arabs and Somalis specially recruited in Aden under British officers.

The implicit faith of the Somalis in British ability to restore to them their land, impressed everyone at Aden.

Four men in a boat had the task of landing without disturbing the enemy and marking out a landing beach.

After an apparently interminable period of waiting a signal flashed the news of the successful accomplishment of this task.

Suddenly, at zero hour, a flash of thunder of naval gunfire shattered the quiet night as naval shells ripped through the air, exploding inland.

Use Of Force

It was later learned that although a large number of Italians left the town under cover of darkness shortly before the British approach, those who remained were sufficiently numerous to render the use of force necessary to crush them.

Away on the right the western landing force went into action and the way had been paved for the eastern force of Somalis and Arabs to land and advance towards the town two miles away.

Italian machine-guns and field-guns attempting to stem the assault were outclassed by the accuracy of the British naval fire, which was the more praiseworthy in view of the murky cloudy nature of the night.

The Somali-Arab force continued to advance and news came of the complete success of the major attack in the west.

Quickly Over

By 9.20 in the morning all was over; Berbera was again in British hands. Over 100 prisoners were taken while British casualties were negligible.

Even during the bombardment the inhabitants of Berbera came running to meet the British forces, waving Union Jacks and Somali flags which had been hidden from the Italians.

Pass Blown Up

The Italians had blown up a pass on the road to Sheikh but within a few hours of the reoccupation, transports of stores were being landed and British officers examined the forlorn and miserable Italian prisoners.

The major commanding them burst into tears when handing over his revolver.

"I AM AN OLD SOLDIER," HE SAID, THUS EPITOMISING THE GENERAL FEELING REGARDING THE DEGRADATION TO WHICH MUSSOLINI'S AFRICAN GAMBLE HAS LOST A ONCE FREE AND CULTURED PEOPLE. — REUTER.

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STOP PRESS

The number of Cholera cases for the year has passed the 300 mark—78 cases being notified yesterday bringing the total to 323.

The health authorities pointed out that of the 78 cases notified, 11 actually occurred yesterday, while the remainder "occurred over a period of several days, notifications being withheld pending B.I. confirmation."

Of the cases registered yesterday, 70 came from Victoria, four from Kowloon and four from Aberdeen and rural Hong Kong.

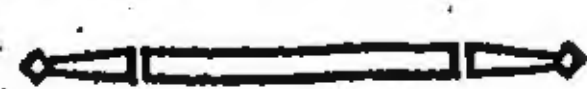


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CHINA SQUADRON EMBLEM

THE COMPETITION FOR THE CHINA SQUADRON EMBLEM CONDUCTED BY THE BRITISH VOLUNTARY WAR CONTRIBUTION FUND IN SHANGHAI WAS WON BY MR. N. E. KENT.

The winner adopted a form of emblem which seems to be commonly adopted by the Air Ministry of a device within a garter surmounted by the Imperial crown and supported by a scroll bearing the motto "Rise from the East."

About 100 entries were received. — Reuter.

DEATH

PISSAREVSKY.—At the Queen Mary Hospital at 10.45 p.m. on March 18, 1941, after a long illness, Mrs. E. K. Pissarevsky. Funeral will take place at the Jewish Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 5 p.m. to-day.

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